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Summit leaders agree debt crisis package

By Sarah Hogg and Peter Wilson-Smith

A new approach to the international debt crisis has been endorsed by the seven world leaders, meeting in London for the economic summit.

A pacage of proposals, involving the multi-year rescheduling of both commercial bank and government loans and a greater role for the International Monetary Fund, will feature in today's communiques.

This will also register agreement on the need for a new round of trade negotiations, though governments were last night still arguing over the timetable.

Britain, as host government, is also expected to issue three separate statements on international terrorism, the Gulf war and East-West relations.

The summit leaders yesterday published a seven-point "statement of democratic values", agreed to mark the occasion of the tenth annual summit.

Early summit discussions between heads of government and the separate group of finance ministers were marked by concern about the level of American interest rates.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was "ample evidence" of the link with the scale of the American budget deficit.

However he did now accept the view of President Reagan and the United States Treasury Secretary, Mr Donald Regan, that American interest rates are more likely to come down. "The chances are better now," Mr Lawson said.

On international debt, the summit governments have taken a significant step forward in agreeing that rescheduling should cover more than one year at a time, for government loans (from for example, the Paris Club) as well as commercial debt.

That approach was endorsed by both the British and American delegations. They also agreed the rescheduling of all loans should be dependent on longer term "seals of approval" by the International Monetary Fund.

There remains considerable disagreement between the summit governments on the need for further special declarations beyond the statement on democratic values.

On contingency plans in the event of the widening of the Gulf war, the Europeans are lukewarm about the idea of a special oil sharing initiative, and even the Japanese appear to be split on the question of whether anything is needed beyond the present arrangements settled by the International Energy Agency.

There is also some doubt as to whether a full statement on international terrorism would be appropriate. That has been criticized by some summit governments so the resulting statement is likely to be rather general. However, a special statement on East-West relations is expected, since a good deal has changed since tsummiteers met last year in Williamsburg.

● British diplomats were drafting the declaration against state-sponsored terrorism last night in the hope of winning agreement from the seven at the summit (Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

Sources expected the resulting statement to be released late last night or more probably early today before the final communique at the end of the annual gathering.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, ordered a draft after Foreign Ministers from the seven countries spent an hour discussing the threat.

Britain is particularly anxious to tighten the general application of the Vienna Convention of 1961 on diplomatic relations as a result of the shooting outside the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square in April.

But the slaughter of American and French soldiers in Beirut last year is thought to have made those two countries at least sympathetic to the British move.

Sources yesterday expected the declaration to fall short of being a detailed outline of the measure which Britain would like to see enforced.

The British Government's hope, however, is that by enlisting the support of the other six powers it will give impetus to a general move in the direction of tightening the regulations.

Loan rate optimism falls flat

Wall St rebuffs Reagan

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan's assertion that American interest rates would begin to fall as early as this summer met a chilly response at home yesterday as Wall Street analysts and even some Government officials quickly dispute the claim.

Mr Bernard Markstein, an analyst with Chase Econometrics, said he agreed with the prediction by Mr Martin Feldstein, outgoing chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, that American short-term rates would rise significantly.

The concerns of Wall Street were echoed yesterday by Mr Lyle Gramley, a governor of the Federal Reserve Board, who said in Congressional testimony that the rise on American rates was likely to continue, with serious implications for the economic outlook.

Mr Gramley, noting that there had been little action to reduce the huge American structural budget deficits, urged Congress to enact stronger measures to reduce the deficit and restore confidence to nervous financial markets.

Mr Reagan's comments in London were widely viewed as an attempt by the President to push rates down by using an international forum to make confident statements about the American economy which would be heeded at home, analysts said.

Mr William Sullivan, senior vice-president of Dean Witter Reynolds, said: "I am in the Feldstein camp. I think rates will stay high."

The consensus on Wall Street was that Mr Reagan had produced no new evidence to support his claims that rates would fall rather than rise under the strong pressure of increased borrowing demands by the Government, businesses and consumers.

It is now generally agreed that despite the slowing in American economic growth, the economy will not cool down enough to reduce significantly these increasing credit pressures.

The outlook was further complicated this week by the failure of Senate officials to agree to a date for negotiations with the House on a modest downpayment of proposed deficit reductions. The Reagan Administration has counted on this to send a signal to markets that both sides are serious about budget reductions.

A House official said: "At this point we are not sure whether we will even get a deficit reduction package before the election or whether the President will approve the modest tax increase which has been passed."

Mr Feldstein said earlier that passage of the $140 billion (£100 billion) deficit downpayment package was essential.



Mrs Reagan meets Sian, aged 3, yesterday at a picnic at London Zoo. (Photograph: John Voos).

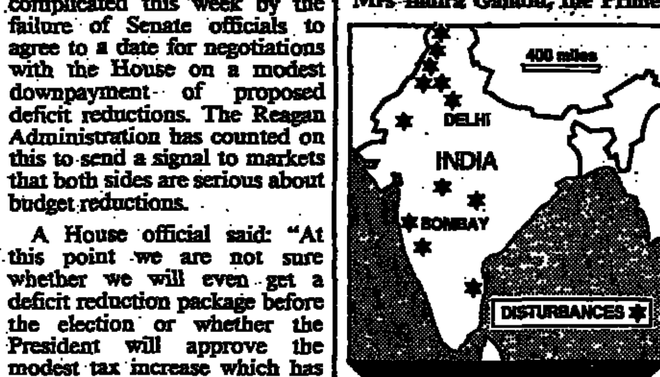
Sikh leaders appeal for moderation as toll rises

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

As priests in the holiest shrine of Sikhdom, the Golden Temple of Amritsar, began again the continuous recitation of *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh bible, bullets flew once more in the temple complex.

Sikh warriors holed up in the temple management committee building, and in a number of houses in the narrow lanes around the temple proper, opened fire on troops as targets presented themselves.

The President of India, Giani Zail Singh, himself a Sikh, went to the anguished city to see for himself the extent of the mayhem committed during the battle for control of its principal ornament, while Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, made a personal expression of thanks to the men of the security forces who accomplished it.



Elsewhere in Punjab curfew restrictions were lifted for a few hours in a number of cities, including Ludhiana, Patiala, Hoshiarpur and Jullunder. In Amritsar the crufew was lifted briefly, sector by sector, to enable mild and other essentials to be delivered to the inhabitants who have been isolated since last Sunday.

In the rest of India Sikh groups made protest marches and launched demonstrations and strikes, while the death toll from the previous day's violence increased. Several Sikh leaders made an appeal for moderation and spoke out against violent protest.

In the shooting incident in the temple, security forces came under fire as they went to clear out the management offices. According to an official military spokesman, seven of them were wounded. The soldiers returned the fire and 15 extremists who had been hiding there since Tuesday's invasion gave themselves up.

According to Mr M. M. K. WALI, the Home Secretary in the central Government, extremists concealed in the houses around the temple complex are sniping at troops, if they are on their own, or in small numbers. "A thorough mopping up needs to be done," he said.

Mr Wali announced that phase two of the military

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Pit talks to go on as acrimony abates

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Further secret talks between miners' leaders and the National Coal Board are to be held next week after the peace process continued its leisurely course yesterday with a face-to-face confrontation between the two leading protagonists.

Mr Ian MacGregor, the board chairman, surprisingly led his team in the third meeting in as many weeks with the National Union of Mineworkers at an Edinburgh airport hotel. There were no signs of the personal acrimony between Mr MacGregor and Mr Arthur Scargill, the National Union of Mineworkers' president, which aborted the first meeting two weeks ago.

Equally there were few indicators that the latest two-hour meeting, after the two sides lunched together, had made any substantive progress. Mr MacGregor said that it appeared "a degree of realism has entered into the discussions."

But union sources were reluctant to expand on a joint statement that "a number of areas were explored and it was agreed that further discussions would take place next week."

The two sides went into the meeting with the board apparently prepared to vary timing and, to some extent, scale of its programme for closure of loss-making pits and the union insisting that the programme would have to be withdrawn before a settlement could be reached.

The union's adherence to the expansionary *Plan for Coal*, agreed with the Labour government in 1974, was not accepted by the board. Mr MacGregor said the programme was 10 years old "and we have to come up with something for the future."

He said that the proposal to close about 20 pits this year with the loss of about 20,000 jobs, was part of the process of "gently adjusting the business to the realities of the market."

The board negotiators apparently emphasized their confidence in a healthy future for the industry

Pessimism expressed earlier this week by both sides that the talks were unlikely to make significant progress was somewhat dissipated by the announcement that further talks would be held. However, industry sources still believe a settlement to the 13-week strike is a long way off.

It was not clear last night whether the renewed talks would be held before Thursday's meeting of the union executive in Sheffield.

Lancashre pit leaders agreed in the High Court to withdraw threats to take disciplinary action against working miners, although Mr Sid Vincent, the union's area secretary, said he would be pressing next week's national executive meeting to declare the strike official in the county.

A series of elections of officials of the union at pits in Nottinghamshire went heavily against strike leaders as pitmen indicated their displeasure with the strike.

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Picnic for Mrs Reagan at the Zoo

While President Reagan met leaders of the free world yesterday Mrs Nancy Reagan had a summit meeting of her own, a picnic with children at London's Regent's Park Zoo.

Most of the children, aged between 4 and 14, were from single-parent families, and attended schools and nurseries in Bermondsey, London.

Mrs Reagan, on her only public engagement while she and the President are in London, was fulfilling a promise made several years ago to the Variety Club of Breat Britain, which aids handicapped, orphaned, sick and underprivileged children.

During her visit Mrs Reagan saw two-week old baby reindeer.

The highlight of the visit was a picnic, Mrs Reagan and the children tucked in to a feast of ham sandwiches, chicken drumsticks, fruit jelly, cake orange juice and American Coke.

Mrs Reagan was serenaded as she ate by a clown with a ukelele. She watched as Jenny, a three-month-old Bactrian camel was led round the dining table.

For the children the day was clearly memorable.

Claire Blake, aged nine, said: "She asked us which school we went to and where we came from. She asked if we liked the animals."

Cherri Gifford, aged nine, said: "She asked me if my teachers were nice, and I said they were. I never thought I would meet her."

Mondale appeal

Mr Walter Mondale asked his Democratic rivals to bury the hatchet and join him in the campaign against President Reagan Page 5

Lords defied

Ministers expressed determination to push ahead with the Bill to abolish the GLC elections, despite the possibility of a defeat in the Lords on Monday Page 2

Berlinguer ill

The Italian Communist Party leader, Signor Enrico Berlinguer, is dangerously ill after an emergency brain operation Page 6

Holiday hazard

Cut-price competition is driving some tour operators into liquidation, with holidaymakers losing their money. But the risks can be avoided Family Money, page 24

Watson capped

Dave Watson, Norwich City's defender, wins his first cap for England against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro tomorrow. Woodcock returns to the attack Page 27

Walkout at BBC as 'Sixty Minutes' goes

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

BBC Television's current affairs headquarters at Lime Grove was in turmoil last night after the corporation axed its early evening programme *Sixty Minutes*.

Journalists at Lime Grove, including presenters Mick Ross and Sarah Kennedy, went into a mandatory meeting, blacking out both last nights's edition of the programme and *Newsnight* although an early evening news bulletin was broadcast.

They saw the decision as an indication that the corporation want to move away from peak time current affairs towards light entertainment, and there was speculation that th BBC's next step in its fight for more viewers would be to reduce drastically the number of editions of the flagship current affairs programme *Panorama* produced last year.

The BBC said it will move its early evening news back from 5.40 to 6 pm and then provide "just under an hour of national and regional news" from the end of August. *Sixty Minutes* goes off the air next month.

Mr Ron Neil, the editor of the BBC's breakfast television channel will edit the new programme. He will be succeeded by Mr David Lloyd, the present editor of *Sixty Minutes* and a former editor of *Newsnight*.

Mr Neil said: "I envisage a highly competitive and fast-moving programme of information for the teatime audience."

Mr Bill Cotton, the managing director of BBC television, said: "We believe that this sequence will give a better service to the viewer. A lot of effort has gone into *Sixty Minutes* and a lot of very professional work has been done. The hour between 6 pm and 7 pm is crucial to BBC1 in terms of prestige and because it must provide a solid start to the evening's programming."

The BBC said that none of the 60 journalists working on *Sixty Minutes* on long-term contracts would be made redundant. Many would be found work on other programmes planned, which include a Sunday lunchtime current affairs slot to compete

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Police seek relative of lost baby

By Stewart Tendler

Detectives investigating the disappearance two weeks ago of the baby Louise Brown yesterday continued questioning her parents and started a search for a relative of her father.

Police also travelled from London to Brighton and took statements from hotel staff. They appealed for sightings in the Brighton area of a red Volvo which was travelling with two couples inside on the Bank holiday weekend when Louise disappeared.

Last night staff and members of the public were taken to London to take part in an identification parade.

The man the police are seeking – believed to be Mr Paul Brown's elder brother – is described as aged 33, living in south London and working as a roof contractor.

Bees stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a hive containing 25,000 bees, worth £75, Coalman's Hatch, near Ashdown Forest, East Grinstead, Sussex.

Police chief suspended for inquiry

By Craig Seton

Mr Alfred Parrish, the Chief Constable of Derbyshire, was suspended from duty yesterday by the county's Labour-controlled police committee, which met in private for six hours to consider allegations against him under police disciplinary regulations.

Mr Parrish, aged 53, was alleged to have spent £28,000 from the police housing fund on improvements to his office suite at the force's headquarters at Ripley without committee authorization. He emerged from yesterday's meeting at Matlock visibly shaken and said: "I have been suspended. I am disappointed and shattered but not surprised. It is what I expected right from the beginning."

Mr Harry Low, the chairman of the committee, said later: "In February the committee considered a report to the county treasurer about an audit investigation into police accounts and as a result it was decided to put certain other matters in the report to the chief constable so he might have an opportunity to give a personal explanation.

"The explanation was made today but having considered it carefully the committee is not satisfied that the chief constable has not committed an offence against the police disciplinary code.

"The committee feels that the matter should be heard by an independent tribunal and until it is resolved the committee considers it has no alternative but to suspend him fourthwith on full pay."

Mr Parrish, who became chief constable in 1981, was legally represented. Mr Alan Smith, the deputy chief constable, is to assume Mr Parrish's duties in the meantime.

France rates Thatcher below Castro

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In the eyes of the French, Mrs Margaret Thatcher is the third most unpopular of the world's better-known leaders. she is more disliked than President Chernenko or Fidel Castro, although less unpopular than he ayatollah Khomeini or Colonel Gaddafi.

Britain as a country fares no better than its Prime Minister, being deemed the second most unpopular in a list of 15 leading nations. Libya and Iran, however, were not included in the list. Only Russia is disliked more than Britain by the French.

Switzerland is the country viewed with the greatest favour by the French, followed by Poland and then Sweden, while Mrs Indira Gandhi somewhat surprisingly comes out as the most popular world leader, followed by President Reagan and Chancellor Helmut Kohl. France and President Mitterrand were not included in the poll.

The poll, involving a representative sample of 1,000 people, was carried out by the respected Sofrès organization between May 18 and May 23, the D-Day ceremonies and the storming of the Sikh Golden temple in India. The results are published in this week's *Nouvel Observateur* Magazine.

Mrs Thatcher fared particularly badly among French communists, socialists and farmers. Six ot of 10 of those groups expressed antipathy towards her.

MOST UNPOPULAR

Leaders	%	Countries	%
1 Ayat Khomeini	(84)	USSR	(54)
2 Col Gaddafi	(73)	Britain	(33)
3 Mrs Thatcher	(52)	Algeria	(31)
4 Fidel Castro	(50)	China	(18)
5 Mr Chernenko	(47)	Israel	(18)

MOST POPULAR

Leaders	%	Countries	%
1 Mrs Gandhi	(55)	Switzerland	(67)
2 Mr Reagan	(49)	Sweden	(62)
3 Herr Kohl	(48)	W Germany	(58)
4 Sen Soares	(38)	USA	(56)
5 San Gonzales	(33)	Greece/Port	(54)

Thatcher opens summit with 4-point message

Ideas for tackling international debts

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

The Prime Minister opened the formal sessions of the London economic summit with a "contribution" designed to project four economic messages. They were: that the prevailing government strategy was the right one; that "unrealistic" expectations of social provision must be curbed; that the problem of international debt is managable; that there must be a more rapid acceptance of industrial change.

She added that on econimic strategy based on restraint of public expenditure, public borrowing and monetary growth is not "easy or comfortable". But it had to be pursued if the economic recovery were to be sustained, the Prime Minister said, expressing concern about the level of world interest rates.

The most significant element of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's contribution was intended to set out the Prime Minister's view on developments in the management of inernational debt.

"There are no easy or painless solutions but we can set out ways in which the commercial banks and the inernational financial institutions can help and in which the debtor countries can ease their own problems".

"It was an opportunity to pool our ideas", and she personally listed six:

- Commercial banks should be encouraged to contemplate longer-term rescheduling where debtors are beginning to restore confidence.
- Banks should also be encouraged to explore ways in which their own balance sheets can be strengthened.
- Many potential foreign investors would be interested in taking an equity stake in the substantial natural and insustrial resources of debtor countries, and it would be helpful if there were "international agreement on investment protection".
- It is "worth noting" that the counries which have welcomed direct equity investment have tended to be among those developing most rapidly.
- If debtor countries are to trade their way back to a "sound postition", they must have access to the markets of industrialized nations.
- Finally, Mrs Thatcher asked, "should we not ask the inernational financial institutions to gear their lending to the performance of their borrowers and to act as a catalyst to attract private capital?"

Summit leaders are understood to have endorsed the approach agreed by central bankers and commercial banks at the meeting in Philadelphia earlier this week, which is for a move towards multi-year debt renegotiations, with favourable treatment for those countries which perform well on economic targets agreed with the International Monetary Fund.

In summing up, Mrs Thatcher proposed "five issues" for discussion: the conditions for sustainable non-inflatinary growth; the problem of restraining public spending; international debt; adaptation to change and the need to protect our environment.



At Lancaster House yesterday. Front row: Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan, President Reagan, Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand of France. Top left: Italian Treasury Minister Giovanni Goria. The rest, from left: Canadian External Affairs Secretary Allan Maceachen; US Secretary of State George Shultz; French Finance Minister Jacques Delors; German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher; Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson; Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti; French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson; Canadian Finance Minister Marc Lalonde (Photograph: John Manning).

New technology deal to promote growth

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Members agreed to encourage new technology in industry to promote economic growth and the importance of free exchange of information and trade in high technology products.

They endorsed a report by the technology, growth and employment working group set up two years ago at the Versailles summit.

The group, which has been studying 18 areas for cooperation stresses the crucial role which new technologies can play in stimulating economic growth by developing new products and industries and improving productivity in older industries.

It says the main obstacles facing governments are maintaining free trade in high technology products, which can be influenced both by security considerations and the desire to protect national industries.

The other problem is gaining public acceptance for new technology.

However, the group also warns governments to make sure that new technology does not cause new environmental problems.

London Charter for democracy

By Our Economics Editor

A statement or "London Charter" on democratic values was issued by the seven heads of government attending the economic summit yesterday. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said that the statement had "emerged" from pre-summit discussions. It was though to be a suitable way to mark the decade of summitry and the fortieth anniversary of D-Day. The summit governments had been on opposite sides during the Second World War and the statement was also said to be a way of marking their present-day adherence to common values.

The full statement reads as follows:

DECLARATION ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES

As agreed by Heads of State or Government
8 June 1984

We, the heads of state or government of seven major industrial democracies with the President of the Commission of the European Communities, assembled in London for the Tenth Economic Summit meeting, affirm our commitment to the values which sustain and bring together our societies.

2 We believe in a rule of law which respects and protects without fear or favour the rights and liberties of every citizen, and provides the setting in which the human spirit can develop in freedom and diversity.

3 We believe in a system of democracy which ensures genuine choice in elections freely held, free expression of opinion and the capacity to respond and adapt to change in all its aspects.

4 We believe that, in the political and economic systems of our democracies, it is for governments to set conditions in which there can be the greatest possible range and freedom of choice and personal initiative; in which the ideals of social justice, obligations and rights can be pursued; in which enterprise can flourish and employment opportunities can be available for all; in which all have equal opportunities of sharing in the benefits of growth and there is support for those who suffer or are in need; in which the lives of all can be enriched by the fruits of innovation, imagination and scientific discovery; and in which there can be confidence in the soundness of the currency. Our countries have the resources and will jointly to master the tasks of the new industrial revolution.

5. We believe in close partnership among our countries in the conviction that this will reinforce political stability and economic growth in the world as a whole. We look for cooperation with all countries on the basis of respect for their independence and territorial integrity, regardless of differences between political, economic and social systems. We respect genuine non-alignment. We are aware that economic strength places special moral responsibilities upon us. We reaffirm our determination to fight hunger and poverty throughout the world.

6. We believe in the need for peace with freedom and justice. Each of us rejects the use of force as a means of settling disputes. Each of us will maintain only the military strength necessary to deter aggression and to meet our responsibilities for effective defence. We believe that in today's world the independence of each of our countries is of concern to us all. We are convinced that international problems and conflicts can and must be resolved through reasoned dialogue and negotiation and we shall support all efforts to this end.

7. Strong in these beliefs, and endowed with great diversity and creative vigour, we look forward to the future with confidence.

Lancaster House
8 June 1984

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

The fashionable judgment at the moment is that the London economic summit is largely a waste of time, that it is a pretentious jamboree bringing together a limited number of world leaders and an unlimited number of the world's press to no sufficient purpose. The product in terms of decisions is not thought likely to justify the cost, the energy or the publicity.

It is a judgment based, largely upon journalistic frustration. This frustration is understandable. Moving from one innocuous press briefing to another over the past two days, one has been struck by the short supply of anything that could reasonably masquerade as hard news. Yet this ought not to be the criterion according to which the value of such a gathering is assessed.

It can be justified, in my judgment on two scores. Meetings between the leaders of what may loosely be termed the western world are useful in their own right, no matter what may or may not be decided at them. One only has to think of the extent to which the effectiveness of western alliance policy has been influenced by personal relationships between individual leaders in recent years.

The controlled hostility that governed the dealings between Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Jimmy Carter bedevilled the alliance for some years. The antagonism between Mrs Margaret Thatcher, on the one hand, and Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard d'Estaing on the other, further complicated what was bound to be a period of intense difficulty between Britain and the other members of the European Community.

Critical problems facing the West

The rapport established first between Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard and now apparently between Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand, had been critical to the conduct of Community affairs.

Mrs Thatcher may have relied too much on her personal understanding with President Reagan and was consequently disappointed over Grenada, but it would be absurd to suggest that this accord is of no practical importance.

The critical problems that now face the leaders of the western world will be easier to solve if there is personal trust and confidence between them. There can, unfortunately, be no guarantee that the more they meet, the better they will like and understand each other. But there is at least a chance.

It is worth the time and effort being spent over these few days. The challenge for the future should be to reduce not the number of summits but the publicity hoopla attached to them, which might perhaps be easier if they were not held in major international centres.

The other jusification for the summit is that Ministers have been discussing issues of great consequence. I am not thinking only of the pressing economic questions before the conference. Political and diplomatic matters are inevitably attracting more attention, despite the objections of principle held by the French.

Readiness to talk to the Russians

The statement of democratic values agreed yesterday may be essentially innocuous. But it is no bad thing to reiterate basic principles from time to time, and it is useful now to make it abundantly clear that the West is looking for cooperation with other countries whatever their system of government.

What might seem to be obscure and petty manoeuvring over whether there should be a separate statement off East-West relations has had a more serious purpose. Those pressing for a seperate statement, among whom the Canadians have been in the forefront, have not been seeking a new initiative.

The intention has been partly: to bind President Reagan ever more closely to the line on dialogue with the Soviet Union that he has been taking over the past few months, and still more, to emphasize both to the Soviet Union and to western public opinion that such a dialogue is the collective purpose of western leaders.

The principal weakness of the West in its dealings with the Soviet Union in recent years has been in the presentation, not the substance, of policy. Western governments have, I believe, been serious in their readiness to negotiate on a reasonable basis. But they have not managed to make that sufficiently appreciated. One should not, therefore, discount the significance of attempts to correct that weakness.

Lords defeat on GLC Bill 'will not move Ministers'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Senior Ministers yesterday expressed determination to soldier on with their legislation to abolish next year's elections to the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties even if they are defeated in the Lords on Monday.

Although it was accepted that much a reverse could only weaken the Government's position, authoratitive sources maintained that the Bill would not be changed by the Cabinet and the Government would defend its corner during the detailed committee stage.

Peers on Monday will debate the Bill's Second Reading. If the Government is defeated, which opponents and Ministers regard as a real possibility, the Bill will be granted a Second Reading, but with a rider expressing the House's condemnation of the measure.

In that event, it is accepted on all sides, peers could be expected to vote during the committee stage in line with their judgment at second reading and substantially amend important parts of the Bill.

Indeed, heavy amendment seems likely whatever Monday's result. If the Government wins then, it will probably be due to a "whipping" exercise which has been going on all week to ensure a big Conservative turnout, a turnout which it could not be guaranteed to reproduce during the long, late committee sittings.

The Government's stance yesterday was predictable. It could adopt no other before Monday's vote. But the view among Conservative and other opponents is that it would take a reasonably large concession to prevent long delays in the Lords which might upset the Government's legislature timetable.

Peers believe the most likely would be to abandon the plan to put in nominated authorities to run the GLC and the counties during their last year and instead to give them an extra year's life before abolition. The Cabinet originally opposed that course but some peers believe it is unacceptable to put in nominees from the boroughs which would effectively switch political control of London to the Conservatives without an election.

'No strings' demand by teachers

By Colin Hughes

Conditional arbitration to settle the teachers' pay dispute was yesterday ruled out by Mr Douglas McAvoy, chairman of the teachers' unions' panel of negotiators.

A meeting of employers' representatives on Monday is expected to consider agreeing to the unions' demand for arbitration, but only if the Government is prepared to put up more money or if the teachers accept that the arbitrators should make a straight choice between the management offer and the union's claim.

The teachers' unions have been further influenced by the announcement that nurses are to receive between 6 and 8 per cent. Mr McAvoy said it proved that the Government's cash limits were "in tatters".

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, wrote to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, saying that the Downing Street correspondence on government interference in the miners dispute, leaked to the *Daily Mirror*, had "totally blown" the Government's pretence that it stand aloof from public sector pay.



Mr Radice: Attack on No 10 "pretence".

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Policing problems for London

By Stewart Tendler

More than 10,000 police officers could be on duty or in reserve in central London and the City today for the most complex public order operation Scotland Yard has faced.

The last day of the economic summit coincides with te dress rehearsal for Trooping the Colour. Later a CND march is being held which includes demonstrations aimed at blocking the summit centre at Lancaster House and encircling the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square.

Scotland Yard has admitted the size of its problem, but refuses to give police strength.

However, in 1982 the police faced similar events. The Yard had 1,511 officers on duty for a rehearsal of Trooping the Colour and the next day 5,710 officers polices more than 100,000 CND marchers. In the same week President Reagan was visiting London, and the daily police complement covering his activities varied from 2,275 to more than 4,500.

All leave for 26,000 Metropolitan Police officers has been cancelled this week. Leave has also been cancelled today in the 800-strong City of London force to cover the final summit communique at the Guildhall.

No London officers have been sent by the national reporting centre for picket duty in the Midlands and North.

The Yard has advised motorists to avoid the West End and central London today. Streets will be closed for part all of the day, and are likely to cause great fraffic congestion.

The Yard is likely to bring in reserves from outlying police districts and special constables may be used for crowd control or patrols. The Special Branch and the Diplomatic Patrol Group have been committed to the summit.

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Lords worried over Forces' reform plan

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Anxieties over the scheme of Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, to reorganize the highest levels of the Armed Forces will be aired in a debate in the Lords on Wednesday.

Mr Heseltine's outline plans were disclosed in a consultative document published in March. A steering group, chaired by Sir Clive Whitmore, Permanent Secretary at the ministry, has been preparing recommendations on how the reorganization should be implemented.

The debate in the Lords will coincide, to within a day or two, with the receipt by Mr Heseltine of the steering group's recommendations. If accepted they are expected to lead to the publication in mid-July of a White Paper which will probably be accompanied by a statement in the Commons

His scheme has stimulated controversy within defence circles. There is concern at high levels in the Army, Navy and Air Force to ensure that in strengthening the position of the Chief of Defence Staff Mr Heseltine does not weaken the position of the staffs of the individual Services.

The debate in the Lords will be on a motion to be moved by Lord Cameron of Balhousie, a former chief of defence staff. It speaks of the necessity of maintaining the morale of the three Services and their standing in Nato after the proposed further centralization in the ministry and the consequent weakening of the chiefs of staff organization.

Apart from Lord Cameron, it is thought that Lord Lewin and Lord Hill-Norton, both former chiefs of defence staff, are likely to seek to speak as well as Lord Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence in the last Labour Government, and Lord Trenchard, who was Minister of State for Defence Procurement in Mrs Margaret Thatcher's first administration.

Dutch hold key to cheap UK-Amsterdam air fare

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department of Transport have approved a £49 London–Amsterdam fare proposed by British Caledonian and Air UK. They sau they would be prepared to accept a similarly priced fare proposed by British Airways and KLM, provided the Dutch allow the airlines to compete.

The Dutch authorities have already approved the British Airways and KLM deal.

The new deal is seem as an attempt to break the European airline cartel, and offer a cheaper and simpler fares structure. Some airlines already offer cheap fares to certain European destinations, but they are available only to tourists.

British Caledonians £49 Gatwick–Amsterdam fare and British Caledonian's and Air UK, Stansted–Amsterdam deals are said to be available to tourists and businessmen. The cheapest fare now available is £66.

Arts policy attacked by Kinnock

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, attacked the Arts Council's new funding policy as embezzlement yesterday, and called for the council to be forced to distribute funds to performers committed to "get the subsidized theatre to the people".

Mr Kinnock's comments came in a letter supporting the left-wing theatre group 7:84 England which lost its annual grant in the policy revision announced on March 30.

The 13-year-old company, which bases its name on the belief that 7 per cent of the population own 84 per cent of national wealth, currently receives £92,500 a year from the council.

The council recently broke new ground by securing trade union sponsorship for a play about the Tolpuddle martyrs. While it hopes to raise more union sponsors, it does not believe that it will survive without the Arts Council grant

Mr Kinnock says that the Arts Council's funding should be based on the principle that all British people pay through their taxes to the council, and all should have access to the produce of their contribuitions.

By inhibiting access to subsidized theatre, the Arts Council was producing a welfare state in reverse. "Prices in the conventional theatre are reduced by subsidy but the beneficiaries are a very narrow grouping of the population who can and will pay high prices in very limited locations."

Police criticized over transport of woman in van

Police who transported a woman from Surrey to Holloway Prison on the floor of a van, handcuffed to a chair, were criticized by a Scotland Yard complaints investigator yesterday.

Det Chief Supt Kenneth Churchill-Coleman told a jury at St Pancras coroner's court that officers should have sat either side of the woman on a seat to stop her rolling about.

Mrs Wilma Lucas, aged 42, an alcoholic, of Addlestone, Surrey, was incontinent and transported in blankets which were soaked in urine. "It must have been a distasteful task. But police officers are paid to do just that", he said.

Mrs Lucas was arrested on February 10 for breaching a probation order and was taken to Holloway from Addlestone police station the following day.

Mr Henry Marsh, a brain surgeon said that she died for a head injury.

The jury returned an open verdict.

Bolivia asks Sotheby's for Guevara diaries

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Bolivian Government began legal proceedings against Sotheby's in London yesterday to recover the diaries kept by Che Guevara, the guerrilla leader, who was executed in Bolivia in 1967, and his lieutenant "Pombo". Sotheby's have advertised the diaries for sale on July 16 on behalf of a mystery owner, valuing the scruffy notebooks at £250,000 and £50,000 respectively.

The solicitors, Watkins Pulleyn and Ellison, acting on behalf of the Bolivian Government, were granted an injunction, by Mr Justice Hutchinson, to ensure that Sotheby's retain possession of the diaries. This is a temporary measure to ensure that he diaries stay put. A spokesman for the solicitors said that the next procedural stage would be designed to restore the "artefacts" to the Government. A writ in all likelihood be issued on Monday.

Sotheby's received its first communication from the Bolivian Government on Thursday in a letter asking for the diaries' return. The auctioneers wrote back asking on what grounds the Bolivian claimed ownership. A reply was received yesterday stating that the men's possessions were retained after their capture and kept in the Bolivian Government archive.

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Far left defeated in poll of Post Office engineers

By Our Political Reporter

The Post Office Engineering Union yesterday chose Mr John Golding, one of the centre-right's leading tacticians, as its nominee for the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to be elected at the annual conference in the autumn.

Mr Golding, the Labour MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, last year, lost his seat on the NEC, where he has exerted considerable influence in recent years in the moves against the far left, after the left-wing leadership of his union withdrew his nomination, claiming that he had been responsible for fostering disunity.

Yesterday, after a ballot of the branches of the union it was announced that he had again been chosen as nominee. He received 57,965 votes and Mr Phil Holt, the Left's candidate was in second place with 31,334 votes.

The vote came as no surprise because the union's leadership was censured by a special conference last September for dropping him. The conference described the action as a serious error.

Mr Golding has since become an important member of Mr Neill Kinnock's front-bench team. He said last night: "I am delighted to have slaughtered the Militant Tendency candidate".

Labour Left to fight rules change

By Our Political Reporter

The Labour Party's left wing is set to moint fierce resistance to proposals, backed by Mr Neil Kinnock, to involve more party members in the selection of candidates for the next general election.

The party's national executive committee is expected to agree next month to a rule change, which it would recommend to the annual conference in the autumn, to give general management committees (GMCs) of constituency parties the right to consult all party members in a one-member one-vote election.

Under the present rules the selection of candidates is left to GMC and there have been many examples of the far left taking control of these to oust several MPs in the reselection process. More battles are expected in December. Mr Peter Shore, Mr Gerald Kaufman and Mr Michael Cocks are among those under threat.

Under the rule change GMCs would be permitted, but not forced, to hold wider ballots. Party leaders believe that it would be hard for the committees to refuse pressure from the rank and file to hold them.

Senior party sources believe that because the change does not remove any rights from the constituency arties in the electoral college for the party leadership, and because it has the backing of Mr Kinnock, it will get through the execitive and the conference.

Under the change, the management committees would be able either to order a full ballot or allow ward branches to hold ballots and mandate their executive representatives.

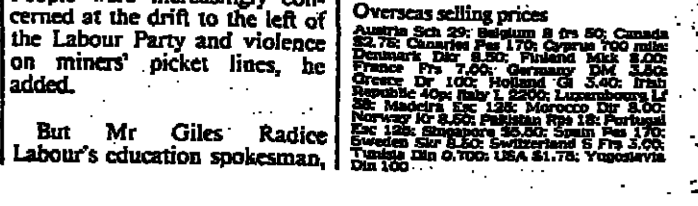
Steel's by-election hope

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, arrived in Portsmouth last night to give the Social Democratic Party by-election campaign a boost and said that the Alliance was "within reach" of winning the seat.

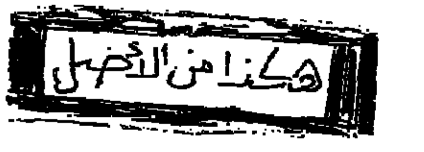
"Our task is to work very hard to convert what remains of the Labour vote", he said. People were increasingly concerned at the drift to the left of the Labour Party and violence on miners' picket lines, he added.

But Mr Giles Radice Labour's education spokesman, said: "If any of you are betting men and women, I advise you to put your money on Sally Thomas, the Labour candidate." Voting is on Thursday.

Mr Patrick Rock, the Conservatives candidate, said: "I am not bothered which of the socialist parties comes second."



Overseas selling prices
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Drug ring smashed by local fishermen's curiosity, QC tells court

From Tim Jones, Swansea

An international drug smuggling operation motivated by "greed beyond the imagination" was smashed by the curiosity of inhabitants in west Wales, Swansea Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Gareth Williams, QC, for the prosecution, said that the gang was playing for stakes which ran into millions of pounds. But, he said, it lost the gamble, for despite the planning, care, money and preparation, the gang failed to take account the neighbourliness or nosiness of local people.

The gang forgot that in South Pembrokeshire fishermen and farmers notice strangers. "At the end of it all these greedy schemes were brought to light because of that factor, the interest and curiosity shown by decent people living in the far west of Wales when strangers are about", Mr Williams said.

Curiosity and the concern of farmers and fishermen for their lambs and lobster pots led to a police investigation, which was still continuing, he said.

The police operation, code-named Seal Bay, had led, he said, to inquiries across the Atlantic, to the Channel Islands, the south of France, the Isle of Man and Switzerland.

Mr Williams said that the operation centred on two remote and almost inaccessible beaches near Newport, Dyfed. When approached by locals, gang members said that they were there to film seals or were preparing for a "top secret" expedition to Greenland.

In one cove, Mr Williams said, the police, alerted by locals, discovered radio sets, aerials, sleeping bags, a gas burner and a large marine engine.

On one occasion as the police watched, a boat approached at night and transmitted a message saying: "I an ready to get rid of the dirt." But because the police did not know the code sign, the boat sped off.

In the other cove, a farm worker stumbled across a hatch buried beneath the pebbles which, when opened, led to a underground cavern.

The jury was shown video film of the cavern which was held up by wooden props and lined with fibreglass to make it waterproof. Mr Williams said that it was large enough to hold tons of drugs.

He told the jury that its views about cannabis or cocaine were irrevelant, as importing them into the country was forbidden.

Mr Williams said that after a bale of cannabis had been washed ashore at Newport in December, 1982, Robin Boswell, aged 37, a property manager of Portland Road, West London, visited the Isle of Man with £760,000 in cash, which he deposited in shelf companies. At about the same time, another man returning France was found to have £156,000 hidden in his car.

He said that the Crown submitted that the possession of such large amounts of money soon after the cannabis had been washed ashore was not a coincidence.

Documents discovered by the police indicated that a large amount of cannabis had been brought into the United Kingdom and then hidden in the Netherlands.

Before the court were: Robin Boswell, 37, of Portland Road, West London; Soeren Berg-Arnback, aged 35, of no fixed address; and Donald Henry Holmes, aged 50, of Harrington Gardens, Kensington, London. They pleaded not guilty to conspiring to import controlled drugs. Mr Holmes also not gulty to possessing cocaine with the intention of supplying it to another person.

The hearing continues on Monday.



Sunshine greetings: The Duchess of Kent meets Pensioners at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where she took the salute at the Oak Apple Day Parade to commemorate the founding of the hospital by King Charles II in 1681. Photograph: Chris Harris.

Grants rise led to more home conversions

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Home improvements and conversions in the first quarter of this year showed a big increase, reflecting the Government's encouragement by providing more money and raising the grant proportion level.

The increase also indicates attempts by local authorities and private individuals to take advantage of that policy before the end of the financial year 1983-84, after which the Government reduced its housing allocations and the allowable grant proportions.

The Department of the Environment figures estimated that 26,700 local authority and new town houses were converted or improved in England during the first quarter of this year, compared with 23,700 in the last quarter of last year and 22,300 in the first quarter of last year.

An estimated 5,700 housing association properties were converted or improved with the help of housing association grants, compared with 3,800 in the previous quarter and also a year ago.

Grants were paid to private owners and tenants for the conversion or improvement of 80,600 dwellings in the first quarter of this year compared with 67,100 in the previous quarter and 47,500 a year ago.

The departments housebuilding statistics also show that an estimated 16,500 houses and flats were started in Britain in April, compared with 17,300 in April, 1983. Completions numbered 14,500, compared with 13,900 in April last year.

In the three months from February to April, total starts, seasonally adjusted were up 3 per cent on the previous three months, November to January, but 6 per cent lower than in February to April a year ago. Total completions were up 3 per cent on the previous three months and 13 per cent higher than a year ago.

Video Bill delay ires Tory peers

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Government ministers in the Lords are to attempt to crush efforts by a Labour peer to block legislation controlling the distribution of video recordings.

Lord Hougton of Sowerby, who opposes the Video Recordings Bill on civil liberties grounds, last Wednesday night upset the Government's hopes to get it through its report stage in one sitting, when he kept the House talking into the early hours and then forced a division at a time when there was not a quorum of 30 peers

The Bill will be considered again late next Thursday and senior ministers, including Lord Whitelaw, the Conservative leader, will be there to try to ensure that it gets through. They will attempt to see that a quorum is present late. Lord Whitelaw would also be entitled to interrupt any peer whom it was felt had been talking long enough, but he would not have the power to stop him altogether.

That could only be done by the passage of a motion, as happened during the Canada Bill several years ago, saying that "the noble lord be no longer heard".

The Bill is a private member's measure, although backed by the Government and drafted with Home Office help, and has only limited time available to it.

Further Cyprus secrets charge

Another serviceman based in Cyprus has been charged under the Official Secrets Act. Lance Corporal Anthony Alexander Glass, aged 31, who is stationed at RAF Episcopi, was charged under Section 1 of the Act, and was remanded in custody by Bow Street magistrates court to appear again in a week with seven airmen similarly charged and an eighth accused under Section 2 of the Act.

Simpler rules sought over footpaths

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A Bill to simplify the procedure for diverting and creating new footpaths, is to be introduced in the Commons on Wednesday by Mr Tony Baldry, Conservative MP for Banbury.

Mr Baldry, who describes himself as a keen walker, says that his aim is to improve public access to the countryside and reduce conflicts with farmers.

For historic reasons many footpaths go across fields rather than round them, he says. Farmers tend not to to take the initiative in having them diverted because of red tape and costs.

The Bill proposes that county councils should have powers to divert paths, without the need for public inquiries to objections. Mr Baldry also wants more new paths along, for example, disused railway lines.

Meanwhile, farmers and landowners' organizations have welcomed a call by Mr Alan Mattingly, secretary of the Ramblers' Association, for farmers and conservationists to make peace.

At a meeting in Finchley, north London, last Thurday, Mr Mattingly said that there was still goodwill towards farming among ramblers and other conservationists.

There was agreement on the need to protect Green Belts, and rural services such as public transport; to control the spread of conifer afforestation in the uplands; and to oppose large scale developments, such as the proposed third London airport at Stansted.

Mr Mattingly said that there was also scope for agreement on reducing inputs of fertilizers and pesticides; redirecting farming subsidies to conserve the countryside; giving more aid to small and part-time farmers, and less to the "barley barons" keeping footpaths clear and well marked.

Rejected woman hits Rolls

A woman who was rejected by her lover hit his red Rolls-Royce with a steel-tipped high-heel shoe, Bath magistrates were told yesterday. It would cost £1,700 to respray the car.

Sally Nicholson, aged 25 and unemployed, of Springfield Close, Twerton, Bath, was given a conditional discharge after she admitted criminal damages. Mr Andrew Macfarlane, said: "This was not mindless vandalism, it was an act of passion, done without thought for what she was doing because of the extraordinary circumstances."

She had known the owner of the car, Mr James Dunn, aged 45, a former Conservative councillor, of The Circus, Bath, for some time.

She was cited in his divorce. "That led her to believe there was some future in the relationship.

Mr Macfarlane said that Mr Dunn was associating with another woman and had taken advantage of Miss Nicholson for a long time.

After he had failed to meet her one night she called at Mr Dunn's home at 2.30 in the morning and the other women opened the door. Miss Nicholson was told to go away. "That led to her mindlessly doing this act.", Mr Macfarlane said.

Court reprieve for disputing mourners

Three widows and a father who had faced jail for planting flowers on graves of their relatives were granted a temporary reprieve in the High Court in London yesterday because they had not been properly served with precise details of their alleged offences.

North Bedfordshire Borough Council had sought to commit the four, all Italian-born, for breaches of injunctions granted in April last year forbidding them fencing-off or placing memorials on the graves in the council-run Bedford Cemetery, which is grassed-over.

Mr Justice Warner told them yesterday dismissing the case that if they did not comply with the order, ther council would once again ask for them to be jailed.

Mr Nicholas Patten, for the council, had told the court the cemetery was laid out as a lawn with only headstones allowed.

Mrs Christina Foresterio, whose husband is buried in the cemetery, said: "We were not told of the regulations when he was buried. If we had known we should never have allowed him to go there."

The council said after the case that if the graves were not returned to grass they would return to court.

Air-sea aid for hold schooner

Emergency pumps had to be flown to the tall ship Stena of Sitoo after she was holed below the waterline 25 miles out in the North Sea yesterday.

A Royal Navy warship went alongside the crippled ship as her crew of nine, including charter passengers, tried to stem the leak.

The wooden-hulled schooner, which was built 38 years ago and is based at Ipswich, was sailing from Amsterdam to Lowestoft, Suffolk, when her master radioed for extra pumps.

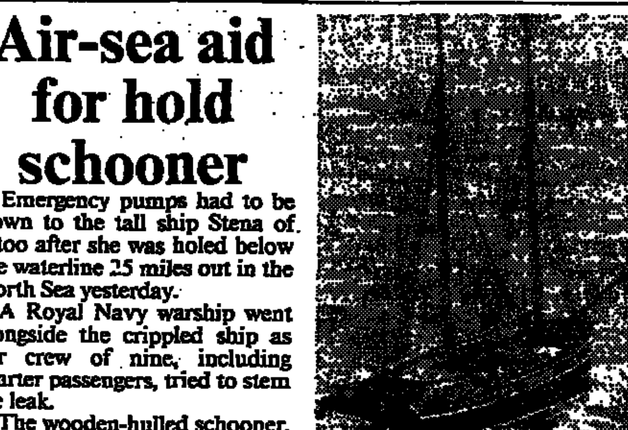
A helicopter flew out to the scene and the frigate Amburscade stood by until a lifeboat arrived to tow the 107ft ship into Harwich, Essex.

The schooner which is chartered out for £300 a week sail training holidays and has taken part in many tall ships races got into difficulties at dawn.

A spokesman for Thames coastguards said that the nine aboard the vessel were suffering from sea sickness and fatigue but had volunteered to stay with the ship until she was towed to safety.

Mr John Beard, of Oysteworld Sailing Holidays, of Ipswich, said: "I do not think there was any serious danger that she would sink.

Mrs Hilary Levy, a co-owner of the ship, said: "Two of the crew were thrown from the bunks and I was woken up by a big bang. We must have hit something but in the dark it was impossible to see what it was."



The schooner at Harwich yesterday

● Two survivors from the sailing from the sailing ship Marques flew home to London yesterday for a reunion with their families.

Mr Robert Cooper, aged 18, from Stirling, and Mr Andrew Freeman, aged 20, from Wallasey, Merseyside, were taking part in the Tall Ships Race between Bermuda and Nova Scotia when their barque sank with the loss of 19 people.

They were met at Heathrow airport by about a dozen people, including members of their families, together with relatives of those who were lost in the disaster.

The survivors were also met at Heathrow by Mr Nicholas Dutton, the general manager of the China Clipper Society which operated the Marques.

Mr Dutton said that plans were being made to launch a memorial fund.

TV show helps death hunt

Nottinghamshire police have been given new leads in the hunt for the killer of Colette Aram, aged 16, after the case was featured on BBC 1's first *Crimewatch* programme on Thursday.

The girl, a trainee hairdresser, was strangled and sexually assaulted near her home in Keyworth, Nottingham, last October. The programme asks viewers to help with unsolved crimes.

Gulf war brings down egg prices

Egg prices have fallen by as much as 10 per cent in the last month, largely because of the Gulf War. Supplies from Finland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, normally destined for the Middle East, have been diverted to the EEC, causing a glut.

Man, 103, dies

Mr Sam Loveridge, a retired farmer, has died aged 103 – less than a week after celebrating his eightieth wedding anniversary – at Curry Rivel, Somerset. He married Annie, now aged 99, on June 1, 1904.

Death and glory on the TT circuit

By Paul Chudecki

The Isle of Man Tourist Trophy course, which yesterday saw the finish of the 66th event since motorcycling began on the island in 1907, claimed the lives of four riders over the annual fortnight of racing.

One was a side-car rider killed during practice, the others were spectators riding around the island. It is among the motor cycling spectators that the death rate is usually highest.

The TT is the last and most demanding of the great road races, and regarded by many as the ultimate test of a rider's courage and skill. Though no longer with Grand Prix status it is still a world championship round, with prize money totalling £250,000. The 350 competitors, both amateur and professional, contest the races aboard machines varying in class size from 125cc up to 1,000cc.

Sadly it has become traditional for the TT races to receive publicity only when someone is killed. Many great names have raced in the TT, among them the English rider and six times wourld champion Geoff Duke, as well as Mike Hailwood, Phil Read, John Surtees, Jack Findlay and Mick Grant.

Other famous names, such as Britain's Barry Sheene, who raced there in 1970, and Kenny Roberts the American, have refused to compete, regarding the circuit as too dangerous, althoug Sheene believes it should be kept open for those who think otherwise.

But the British rider Mick Grant, a contemporary of Sheene and Roberts, has called it "the finest race in the world". Lap speeds have increased from the 38 miles per hour of the early years to the 118.48mph set by the Ulsterman Joey Dunlop during the 500cc TT last Monday. The machines reach speeds of 170 to 18mph on the faster stretches of the course.

Since 1907, 132 riders have been killed while practising or competing on the demanding 37.7 mile circuit. That figure is high, but it represents only 0.8 per cent of the 17,000 who have taken part. As in every motor sport, they are aware of the risks of the race, run on twisting, normally public roads complete with telegraph poles, lamp posts, garden walls, pavements, trees and gateposts.

But more worrying is the death rate among the followers of motorcycling who go to watch the TT and who, either between races or on their way to the event, involve themselves in accidents while trying in vain to emulate their heroes. One non-race day has become known as "mad Sunday" as speed-drunk fans take to the roads.

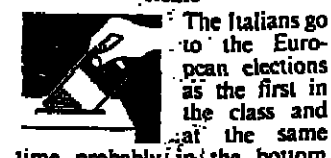
Exact figures are not available because the Manx coroner is not prepared to release them, but one police chief inspector extimates that about three spectators die for every competitor.

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European elections: Rome's ideal, voter interest, Tory 'lies'

Italy makes poll an internal issue

From Peter Nichols
Rome



The Italians go to the European elections as the first in the class and at the same time probably in the bottom place.

First, because the European ideal remains strong in Italy. Of the leading members of the Community, Italy is the most convinced, according to recent polls, about the advantages of belonging: 70 per cent compared with 61 per cent in West Germany, 53 per cent in France and 28 per cent in Britain.

In terms of favouring European unification, Italy is ahead of the others and reaches 80 per cent by comparison with Britain's 60.

Italy is also one of the countries which gives the highest importance to the European Parliament: the figures are 59 per cent for Italians ascribing a great deal, or quite a lot, of importance to the European Parliament as opposed to 54 per cent in France, 41 per cent in West Germany and 52 per cent (surprisingly) in Britain.

Italians are convinced Europeans. They also feel strongly about being among the six who first founded the Community. According to Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, the old relationship between the six is still felt to be the basis of the European ideal despite the fact that four countries, including Britain, have entered since and others are expected to join.

They warrant perhaps the bottom place on the ground that they see Europe practically as an alternative to national institutions that function badly, and that brings negative consequences: about 64 per cent attach great or considerable importance to their national parliament by comparison with 89 in Britain and 88 in West Germany.

A conclusion one must reluctantly draw is that Italians see Europe in a bright light because there is so much gloom surrounding their national institutions.

That leads naturally to domestic issues which dominate the electoral campaign. Certainly the European elections have come at a bad time in internal Italian politics.

It is difficult to recall a moment when individual quarrels among the parties reached such a level of acrimony, whether within the Government or between the Government and the opposition. The result is that all 10 parties are looking to the outcome of the European poll practically as if it was an internal Italian matter.

The Communist slogan sums up this attitude best: "Do you want to bring an Italy of the P2 into Europe"?, referring to the renewed interest in the scandal surrounding the "propaganda two" Masonic Lodge. That is a frank acceptance of the view that Italians still feel that much has to be done at home if membership of the European community is going to be worthwhile: alternatively, it is to try to forget institutional weakness in a fit of European euphoria.

The Christian Democrats, who form the largest party in the country, performed badly at the general election last year and will not be able to stand another setback without calling into question the capacity of its present leadership.

The second party in terms of numbers, the communists, are losing prestige and are about to face a difficult series of negotiations about their place in local government administration. A loss of votes now would be extremely inconvenient to them, too.

For the first time in history, the Government is led by a socialist, Sr Bettino Craxi. He also must look towards an improvement in his position if he wants this historic step to be important in fact and not just on paper.

He has, moreover, set a new course based on outright anti-communism. He is a believer in the differentiation between the Government and the opposition, which is not a principle accepted easily in Italy, especially on the left.

He needs to enhance his own position at the cost first of the Communists and then of the Christian Democrats. If he manages to do so he can look forward to a further period as Prime Minister.

Healey fires a birthday fusillade

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Denis Healey chose yesterday to bring forward the anniversary of the Conservative election victory by a day to launch a blistering personal attack on the Prime Minister, whom he accused twice of lying and of presiding over a decline in traditional Conservative standards, and to make a savage condemnation of her Government team.

Giving a vintage performance at a European elections press conference, Mr Healey, patently revelling in his role as Labour's senior campaigner, produced a giant birthday card for Mrs Margaret Thatcher which offered "congratulations" for putting 117,000 more on the dole in the past 12 months, causing 13,500 new bankruptcies, making 250,000 redundant and keeping 350,000 young people out of work.

He then fired off a fusillade of insults, reserving his greatest scorn for Mr John Gummer, the Conservative Party chairman, whom he dubbed "the midget" Machiavelli, the Titan of Toytown".

Mr Healey: A blistering attack on the Prime Minister

Increased turnout forecast

By Our Political Staff

With less than a week to go before polling day, the European Parliament election is livening up, according to Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and Mr William Rodgers, vice-president of the Social Democrats, who confidently forecast yesterday that the turnout will be not less than 45 per cent, compared with 32 per cent at the 1979 European election.

Both agreed that in the rural areas there could be a surprise 60 per cent poll. In the cities they found more apathy.

Assessing the general mood of the campaign, they said it was "three or four days behind what you would find in a general election campaign".

That led one journalist, attending the Liberal/SDP press conference in London to comment: "That means it will be peaking when the rest of Europe goes to the polls next Sunday!"

Mr Steel had to admit that only a minority of people was interested in the European Parliament of European affairs; – they would vote on domestic political issues, making it a referendum on the performance of the parties since the last general election.

He was asked whether he favoured a common polling day, a Sunday, throughout Europe. With his close knowledge of the Scottish sabbath, Mr Steel replied cautiously: "Bearing in mind that we hope to win the Highland and Islands seats, I would rather not answer that question."

Thatcher 'lied over VAT'

By Our Political Staff

The Prime Minister not only lied when she denied that the Government was intervening in the miners' strike, she also lied when she denied that the Government had any plan to extend value-added tax, Mr Denis Healey, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, alleged at a Labour European election press conference in London yesterday.

After Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour leader in the European Parliament, stated on May 30 that the Government had plans to extend VAT to food, children's clothing and shoes, books and newspapers, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in the Commons that this suggestion was "poppycockand nonsense".

Yesterday, however, Mr Healey and Mr Andrew Mackinley, Labour candidate for London South and Surrey East, produced a letter in evidence that an extension of VAT is not ruled out.

Mr Mackinley had written to all Conservative MPs in the constituency, asking their views on the future of VAT. One of them, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, went to the Treasury for the Government's position and received a letter from Mr Barney Hayhoe, the Minister of State. Sir Geoffrey sent it on to Mr Mackinley.

The letter stated the Government's position on "a switch from taxes on earnings to taxes on spending". The recent Budget contributed to that process by extending VAT to cover building alterations and hot take-away food.

The letter continued: "We must continue to reduce direct taxation if we are to make it worthwhile to work and if individuals are to have real freedom of choice in spending or saving. This means the indirect tax base will have to be further extended".

The Government had "no set views at present about how this should be done", but the letter added: "VAT clearly has an important part to play".



Inspecting the evidence: Sandinista Commander Roberto Calderon examines a bullet-damaged tree on Nicaragua's border with Costa Rica. With him are Costa Rican delegates to a commission investigating clashes on the border.

Rebel link threatens neutral Costa Rica

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The impending unification of the Nicaraguan rebel groups based in Honduras and Costa Rica could lead to direct Costa Rican involvement in the conflict unless President Luis Alberto Monge's Government is prepared to defend its neutrality policy with greater firmness.

That is the fear of the opposition Cost Rican Socialist Party, which has produced a "white book" showing how external and internal pressures are combined in an attempt to involve Costa Rica on the side of the US-backed anti-Sandinista rebels.

Two representatives of the party, Señor William Reuben-Soto Señor Orlando Rojas, told *The Times* in London yesterday that the Costa Rican Socialists strongly back the neutrality policy, but feel that there has been a lack of political will to defend it in President Monge's Cabinet.

They see Washington's offer to send US National Guard engineering units to Costa Rica as an attempt to condition public opinion there to the presence of US troops, and criticize Señor Monge's failure to give a definite refusal.

The continuing presence in Costa Rica of the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (Arde) rebels was also strongly attacked by the Socialist representatives. They said there was ample evidence of military activity by Arde inside Costa Rica.

Tass seeks way out on Skinner

From Richard Owen
Moscow

Diplomatic observers said here yesterday the Russians had broken their year-long silence on the death of a British banker in Moscow in case it became an issue during Sir Geoffrey Howe's Moscow talks next month.

Until Thursday, Moscow had made no comment on the death last June of Dennis Skinner, the Moscow representative of the Midland Bank. There was immediate speculation after his death that he had been murdered.

It subsequently emerged that an inquest in Croydon, held last month, concluded that Mr Skinner had been unlawfully killed.

The British Government "drew the attention of the Soviet authorities" to the verdict. Observers said there might be British pressure on Moscow to reopen the case even though Moscow police reports at the time of Mr Skinner's death asserted there was no foul play.



Dennis Skinner: Unlawfully killed

A Tass statement on Thursday repeated that Mr Skinner had committed suicide but said – inaccurately – that suggestions that Mr Skinner had named a spy in British intelligence and "feared for his life" had only arisen recently.

It left open the possibility that Mr Skinner's fall from a twelfth-floor window had not been straightforward suicide, but hinted that if there was any mystery involved, the clues lay in "official British institutions". Observers saw this as a hint that if Mr Skinner had been killed it was by British intelligence

Jaruzelski to meet Glemp before poll

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

General Wojciech Jaruzelski and the Polish Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, are to meet to discuss two of the country's most sensitive political issues, local elections and the fate of imprisoned Solidarity activists, church sources said.

The sources could not confirm the exact timing of the meeting, but pointed out that this Sunday is the last one before the authorities face an important test of their support in the form of the June 17 council elections. If the leadership wanted to influence the Catholic Church hierarchy or even dissuade it from calling for a boycott of the elections, then the meeting would take place before the nationwide church services.

The meeting will be the first since Cardinal Glemp returned from Rome, where he held talks with the Pope, and the first since General Jaruzelski returned from Moscow.

It is clear that both the Church and the authorities have much to discuss. The Government has been in a state of high tension about the elections – the first electoral test of its authority since before martial law – and the police have been busily arresting underground workers who have been printing leaflets and plastering posters calling for a 100 per cent boycott of the polls.

At least one radical priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko of Warsaw, has tacitly called for a boycott by reading out a church statement issued in 1946 (before elections in 1947), calling on Catholics to withhold their votes from candidates opposed to the faith.

Informed observers of the official scene say that if the Church is non-committal about elections the authorities could make significant concessions on political prisoners.

Parties sign pact with Alfonsin

From Douglas Tweedale,
Buenos Aires

The leaders of 16 Argentine parties have signed a political accord with President Alfonsin outlining guidelines for solving key policy problems facing the six-month-old civilian Government.

The document was signed by all but three of the country's main political parties at a ceremony presided over by Señor Alfonsin on Thursday evening, ending more than two weeks of talks between the President and opposition leaders.

President Alfonsin called the talks to obtain opposition support for his efforts to solve, in the words of the accord, "those problems on which the future of the nation depend".

Much of the 15-point accord is taken up with vaguely worded commitments to foster social justice, economic growth and national unity. However, it also contains strongly worded instructions to defend the democratic system and proposes treating any future attempt to overthrow the elected government as "a crime against the Fatherland".

Political analysts point out that the symbolic importance of the accord stems from the agreement between the country's two largest parties – President Alfonsin's middle class-based Radical Party and the powerful union-based Peronist Party led by Señora Isabel Perón.

Greek captain charged

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Another Greek sea captain who forced four Congolese stowaways to leave his ship by raft 35 miles off the West African coast last January, has been charged in Piraeus with exposing human lives to danger.

The public prosecutor said the authorities were investigating whether the four had survived. If not, the charge against Captain Thomas Athanasias and a Pakistani crew member who helped him will change to manslaughter. The two were denounced by other crewmen on the Cypriot cargo ship, Calani.

The captain of another greek freighter and 11 of his men are in custody pending a trial on manslaughter charges relating tyo seven African stowaways who were thrown overboard at gunpoint in March. Four survivors are expected to to testify at the trial.

Priests spurn Marcos pardon offer

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Two priests – an Irishman and an Australian who were detained in a central Philippines jail on multiple murder charges, yesterday rejected a presidential pardon offered on condition that they leave the country.

The priests' lawyers said a pardon implied guilt and demanded the charges be dropped. The offer to end the controversial case was made during a 45-minute meeting in the prosecutor's office at the courthouse in Bacolod, 330 miles south of Manila. It came several days of private negotiations between the Government and senior Roman Catholic officials.

Father Niall O'Brien aged 44, from Dublin and Australian Father Brian Gore, aged 40, are accused with six church workers of the murder in 1982 of a town mayor and his four aides. The same charges, brought against a Filipino priest were dropped last month for lack of evidence.

As soon as the defendents had rejected the offer of pardon, the trial resumed with diplomats from Australia and the Irish Republic in attendance. The priests and lay workers were arrested 13 months ago and long delays in their trial, as well as their continued detention in the squalid Bacolod jail, have brought strong appeals form Canberra and Dublin for the trial to be speeded up.

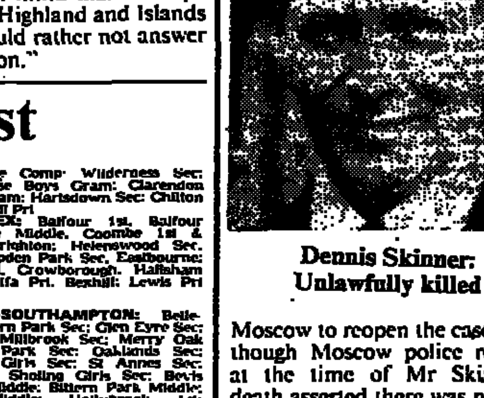
Both priests said they were disheartened by the Government's offer, which included parole for the church workers and their eventual full release.

"Our lawyers acted in our interest," Father Gore told reporters at the resumption of the trial, which began on February 23. "We will carry on. We are quite confident that we can prove our innocence but we can't be sure of the verdict."

He said he did not understand what the Government meant by parole for the church workers. This presupposed guilt, he said.

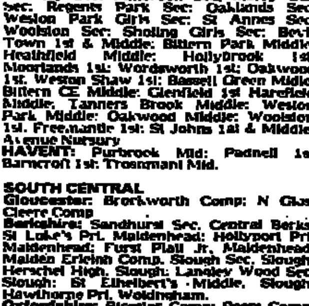
Teachers announce school strikes list

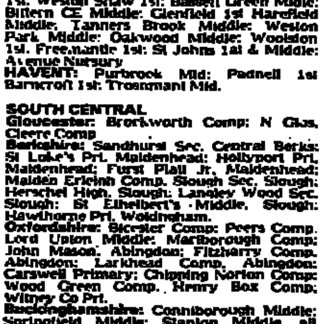
The National Union of Teachers announced yesterday the following list of 367 schools to be hit by selective three-day strikes in 32 local authorities from tuesday, the union said that 6,500 of its 235,000 members would take part, closing more than three-quarters of the listed schools.



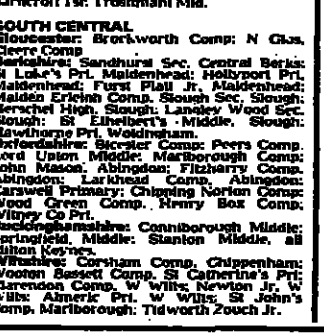












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YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE
North Yorkshire: Gladstone Road. Jr. Scarborough: Bartowcliffe, Inf. Scarborough; Settle High. Joseph Rowntree Sec: Burnholme Sec. York. Copmanthorpe Jr. York.

Humberside: Wellholme Middle. Grimsby. South Holderness Comp: Kelvin Hall. Hull: Greatfield High. Hull: Sir Leo Schultz High: Newlands High: Bransholme High. Longhill Jr High. Mountbatten Jr High: Chiltern Pri: Endyke Prir. Buckingham Pri: Dales Pri: Shore Park Pri.

EAST MIDLANDS
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Lincolnshire: Cordeaux High. Lough: Robert Pattinson Comp: N Kesteven Comp: Bramston Comp: Morton County Prim. Gainsborough. North County Prim. Gainsborough: Castle Hills Sec. Gainsborough: Sleaford Sec. Sleaford. Rushington Sec. Sleaford. Billinghay. Lafford. Sleaford High: Fane Sec. Stamford. Gleed Sec Boys. Spalding Gleed Sec Girls. Spalding.

WEST MIDLANDS
HEREFORD/WORCESTER: Burlish Middle. Franche Middle. Harry Cheshire Sec. King Charles I Sec. all Kidderminster. St Albans CE Pri

WARWICKSHIRE: Kenilworth Sec. N Leamington Sec. Aylesford Sec. Campion Sec. Myton Sec. Southam Sec. Trinity Sec

SHROPSHIRE: Newport Girls High: Birchbank Special. Sirichley Upper: Sirichley Middle Leegomery Jr. Leegomery. Inf. Ercall Wood Sec. Market Drayton Jr. William Brook Sec.

EAST ANGLIA
CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Bottisham Village Coll. St Ivor Sec: Crow Hall Jr. Somersham County Pri. Manor Sec. Cambridge. Chesterton Sec. Cambridge. Coleridge Comm College: Gretton Wood Sec: Orton Sec: Newark Hall Jr: Old Fletton County Jr

ESSEX: Ongar Comp. Appleton Sec. Harlowbury Pri: Peterswood Inf. Kingsmoor Jr. Gt Bradford Jr. Gt Bradford Inf. Tabar High. Nicholas Comp. Cecil Jones Comp. Eastwood Jr

HERTFORDSHIRE: Banwell Sec: Frances Combe Sec: Francis Bacon Sec. St Albans: Norton Sec. Camp Jr. St Albans: Shepherd Jr: Grove Jr. Harpenden: Bedwell Sec: St Angele's Sec

NORFOLK: Bowthorpe Comp: Coleman Middle

BEDFORDSHIRE: Pollen Lower: Redbourne Sec: Woodlands Middle: Cranfield Lower: Thomas More Upper: Westfield Middle: Sir John Rigby Lower: Whitefield Inf. Ferrers Jr. St Joseph Jr: Farley Jr.

SUFFOLK: Halifax Pri. Chantry High: Kirkley Middle: Kirkley High. Sir John Leeman High: Breckland Middle.

SOUTH EAST West Sussex: Wealds Comp. Tandridge House Comp: Forest Comm. Chelley CP. Slinfold CE Pri. all Horsham. Michael Ayres Jr: Westergate Comp: Bishop Luffa Comp. all Chichester: Angmering Comp: Littlehampton Comp. Connaught Jr. Flora McDonald Jr. Hazelwick Comp. Thomas Bennet. all Crawley: Holy Cross Intermediate: Milton Mount 1st & Middle: Our Lady Queen of Heaven 1st. Desmond Anderson Middle. Langley Green Jr.

Surrey: De Burgh Comp' North Park Comp. both Banstead. Hillcroft 1st and De Stafford Comp. Caterham Goodwyns Middle. Dorking. Heathside Sec. Elmbridge: Hinchley Wood 1st & Midd. Elmbridge. Glyn Comp. Epsom Westwood Park Middle. Guildford: Queen Eleanor's CE Middle. Guildfor: St Joseph's RC Middle. Guildford: Guildford Sec: Court Lodge Sec. Horley. Horley County 1st School: Stanwell Sec Spelthorne Thamesiead Com. Spelthorne: Weydon Comp: Heath End Comp. Yeomans Bridge Comp. all Farnham.

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HAMPSHIRE–SOUTHAMPTON: Bellemoor Sec: Bittern Park Sec: Glen Eyre Sec: Deanery Sec: Millbrook Sec: Merry Oak Sec: Regents Park Sec: Oaklands Sec: Weston Park Girls Sec: St Annes Sec: Woolston Sec: Sholing Girls Sec: Bevis Town 1st & Middle: Bittern Park Middle: Heathfield Middle: Hollybrook 1st: Moorlands 1st: Wordsworth 1st: Oakwood 1st. Weston Shaw 1st: Bassett Green Midle: Bittern CE Middle: Glenfield 1st Harefield Middle. Tanners Brook Middle: Weston Park Middle: Oakwood Middle: Woolston 1st. Freemantle 1st: St Johns 1st & Middle: Avenue Nursury

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School's RE challenge

An ultra-orthodox Jewish school in Clapton, east London, yesterday won leave to challenge in the High Court complaints made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science about the efficiency and suitability of its teaching.

According to schools inspectors. report, the independent Talmud Torah Machzikei Hadass School does not provide enough secular educatio.

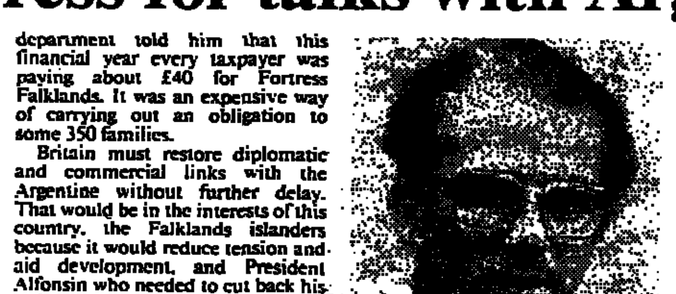
The school denied that, and Mr Justice Taylor gave its trustees leave to challenge a notice issued by Sir Keith Joseph last January after the inspectors' visit.

The aims of the school of 300 pupils aged five to 12 are to provide teaching in the culture, traditions and beliefs of the Hasidic Jewish community, Mr Matthew Horton, its counsel, told the judge.

The notice of complaint required the school to provide 15 hours of secular instruction every week. The school contended that it did provide more than 15 hours of secular education but that the visiting inspectors could not follow the languages in which the children were being taught.

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MPs press for talks with Argentina



THE FALKLANDS

Direct talks between diplomats of Britain and the Argentine over the future of the Falklands were long overdue, Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, C) said in the Commons.

Initiating a debate on British policy for the South Atlantic, he said Britain's friends and allies were closely watching to see if the Government was becoming intransigent in its attitude.

It was two years since the guns had stopped firing and since them depressingly little had been done to patch up Britain's quarrel with the Argentines.

During the week beginning June 25 he hoped to be in Buenos Aires with Mr Bruce George and Lord Kennet as part of a delegation from the South Atlantic Council, which embraced all political parties, businessmen, acedemics, former diplomats and churchmen.

Their hosts would be a non-governmental organization, the Argentinie Council for International Relations, which had been most helpful. They would want to meet a wide spectrum of public opinion inside and outside government.

They hoped that a good-will, fact-finding visit by parliamentarians would assist the discussions being carried out through the protecting powers.

The House of Commons research department told him that this financial year every taxpayer was paying about £40 for Fortress Falklands. It was an expensive way of carrying out an obligation to some 350 families.

Britain must restore diplomatic and commercial links with the Argentine without further delay. That would be in the interests of this country, the Falklands islanders because it would reduce tension and aid development, and President Alfonsin who needed to cut back his defence budget to make more money available for health and welfare and paying off his vast debts.

The present time was propitious towards normalizing relationships. The government of President Alfonsin was well supported throughout the country and the military descredited with many former serving officers in prison awaiting trial.

Mr Bruce George (Walsall South, Lab) said that maybe not now but in he not too distant future there should be a movement towards negotiation. The Government would be unwise to isolate President Alfonsin and his government and give the military a chance for a comeback.

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said the time had surely come for a sober reassessment in Argentina and Britain of the Falklands conflict, its antecedents and the situation they were now confronting.



Townsend: Hoping to visit Buenos Aires

We cannot (he said) pass an act of oblivion, of what has occurred, nor should we, but we are dealing with a new Argentine government and not the old one.

Above all what was required was a willingness on both sides to agree that the finest memorial to those who served and suffered in the war would be a lasting and understanding peace between our countries.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said that until they were honest with themselves about the past they were not going to be able to concentrate on the future.

I think (he said) there is no chance whatsoever of pressing this Prime Minister to start negotiating unless by exhumation of the past she is forced to do so.

The 11 explanations given for the sinking of the Belgrano simply did not add up, that was now known. In October he had visited Peru, at his own expense, and spoken to the President and others who confirmed that the British Government knew all along about the progress being made by the Peruvians in drawing up a peace plan.

He also believed the memory of Mr Francis Pym, then the Secretary of State for Defence, was wrong when he claimed he did not meet General Haig during the evening Mr Pym arrived in Washington to discuss the Falklands issue.

It is just not tru (he added there was no contact beteen Mr Pym and General Haig.

Mr Raymond Whitney, Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said he rejected any accusation of intransigence on the part of the basic position of the Government. They stood by the commitment to the Falkland islanders on the one hand and yet were determined to seek a normalization of relations with Argentina on the other.

As soon as maybe they looked forward to a time when they got into direct talks with the Argentines. They would be wrong and forsaking the responsibility they had to the Falkland islanders, the British people, and indeed the Argentine people if they entered into another level of talks on a false prospectus.

Committee report on acid rain out this summer

POLLUTION

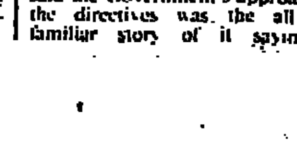
The report of the Environment Select Committee on acid rain was due to be published before the summer recess, Mr William Waldegrave, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, announced in the Commons during a debate on EEC directives on air pollution.

He said the committee was in Scandinavia looking at the effects of pollution on water and fish life. It was then planning to visit Scotland and the Lake District.

There were indications that some apparent conflicts over the causes of acid rain might be resolved.

The Government shared the view with other EEC countries that it was essential to identify and overcome the causes of the damage to forests and water, but is was difficult to disregard the scientific uncertainties.

The directives aimed to set up a sensible and concerted framework for air pollution control without the need to do away with Britian's well-tried and established system of controls. Some legislation would be needed to enforce the directives' proposals.



Mr David Clarke, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said the Government's approach to the directives was the all too familiar story of it saying it recognized the problem but did not intend to do aything about it.

When it comes to the environment (he added), this Government's record is certainly the worst of any post-war government.

The problem of acid rain in Scandinavia was so bad that 18,000 lakes were so acid that nothing was living in them. It would be costly to tackle the problem, but the cost of the damage was £33,000m a year in Europe and £120m in Britain. The Central Electricity Generating Board estimated it would increase costs by 10 per cent to bring in measures to clean up the pollution.

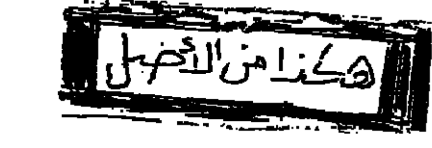
Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that since there would be costs and problems they had to be well aware of the enormous need to educate the public in a way that made them really understand.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newhan South, Lab) said the EEC approach might not be enough. EEC regulations would have to fit some sort of world agreement on this issue.

There had been trailers in the newspapers that the Prime Minister was getting more interested in this issue. The Conservative Party was getting a little green at the edges.

The reason the Government might not be reflecting this concern in all political parties was that when you got down to it the Chicago school of economics and the proper concern for the protection of the environment did not mix.





Recalcitrant rivals refuse to concede

Weary Mondale sues for peace

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

Mr Walter Mondale, recuperating at a friend's home on Long Island after months of gruelling campaigning, yesterday began the search for a vice-presidential running mate if, as seems virtually certain, he wins the Democratic nomination at the San Francisco convention next month.

At the same time, he has been putting out peace-feelers to his two rivals, Senator Gary Hart and the Rev Jesse Jackson, urging them to unite behind him for the autumn campaign against their common foe, President Reagan. However, although their cause seems lost, neither Mr Hart not Mr Jackson has shown any intention of withdrawing from the race.

A Hart official told *The Times* yesterday: "No way will we pull out before the convention". Mr Jackson told his followers that "party justice must precede party unity", a reference to his complaint about the way delegates to the convention are selected. Mr Jackson won 20 per cent of the popular vote but less than 10 per cent of the delegates.

Mr Hart will address the Colorado state convention today and is expected to explain why he intends to continue to seek the nomination.

Some leading Domocrats who have been urging Mr Hart to drop out of the race believe a Mondale-Hart "dream ticket" would be the best way of restoring the party and defeating President Reagan in November. Such a ticket, they say, would weld together the geographical and generational divisions revealed during the primary campaign.

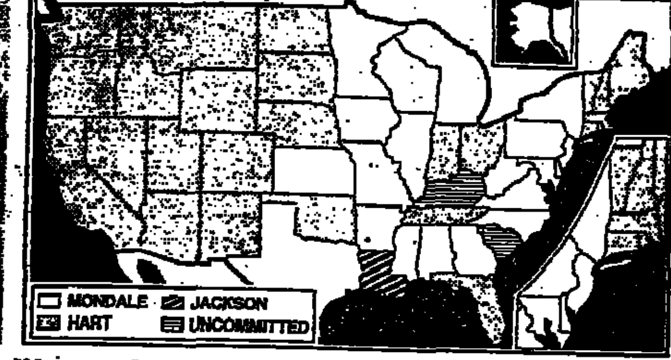
Mr Mondale won most of his support from traditional Democrats in the industrialized northwest and Middle West and in the South. He performed particularly well among pensioners. Mr Hart did best among "young, upwardly-mobile professionals" (known as "Yuppies") in the west and New England. He also ran strongly among independents. Mr Jackson drew almost all his support from black voters.

For the moment, however, Mr Mondale will not disclose whether he is actively considering Mr Hart, while Mr Hart says it is too early to think in terms of the vice-presidency while he is "continuing to walk the high road".

Many other names are being mentioned as possible running mates. Two favourites are Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro and Governor Mario Cuomo of New York. Others include Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Senator John Glenn of Ohio, Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina and Governor Richard Celeste of Ohio.

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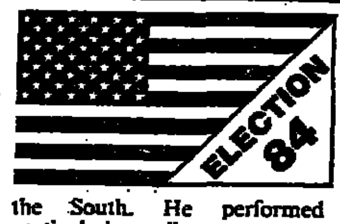
The map shows which candidate won in each state, as Mr Mondale (left) and Mr Hart prepare for the convention.

Mondale: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Alaska, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam.

Hart: Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mixico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio, Forida, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine.

Jackson: Louisiana, District of Columbia.

Uncommitted: Kentucky, South Carolina, Hawaii, Democrats abroad.



HOW THEY STAND

The latest unofficial count of delegates to the Democratic National convention in San Francisco in July:

Mondale	1,970
Hart	1,220
Jackson	373
Uncommitted	262
Total	3,825

Delegates may switch their allegiance before the first ballot. Number of delegates required to secure nomination: 1,967.

Popular vote in 1984 primaries and caucuses

	Primaries	Caucuses
Mondale	6,730,243	325,673
Hart	6,218,294	255,953
Jackson	3,347,273	78,177
Others	1,121,411	108,327
Total	17,417,231	771,145

*These figures are approximations.

Source: United Press International and *Congressional Quarterly*

Turnout was very low in most primaries, sometimes as little as 10 per cent of registered Democrats, rarely going above 20 per cent. Only in Washington DC, where the majority black population voted heavily for the Rev Jesse Jackson, did turnout exceed 50 per cent. Accurate turnout figures are not available in states where independents and cross-over Republicans could vote in Democratic primaries.

Euro work puts Mr X into a deep depression

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Everyone agreed that poor Mr X was deeply depressed because he worked for the European Commission. Even the hard-up Commission agreed and scratched round in its near empty coffers to find 4,352,040 Belgian francs about £59,000 in compensation.

It paid because in the Commission's view – and it should be regarded as an expert in the matter – deep depression was an occupational illness of working there. It also had an insurance policy with the Royal Belge company under the terms of which people suffering from an occupantional illness would receive compensation.

But the Royal Belge remains to be convinced that in this case it is legally an occupational illness and has refused to pay the claim.

Mr X was working in what can be one of Commission's more depressing directorates – which is in charge of administering Community policy to the world's hungry and developing nations. It could be argued that he was made miserable by a close study of malnutrition

The Royal Belge thinks he had become depressed because of his frustration in being a European civil servant.

The Commssion is suing the insurance company for its money back.

Fifty years of that bad-tempered duck



From Christopher Thomas
Los Angeles

Donald Duck, the ill-tempered fowl with the sailor-suit and the corncrake squawk, has hit middle age. The bird who has grown old so effortlessly celebrates his fiftieth birthday today.

"Born" on June 9, 1934, as a mere bit player in an almost-forgotten Walt Disney cartoon, Donald Duck has developed into an important personality – *the* personality among the Disney characters, according to octogenarian Mr Clarence Dent, the Los Angeles resident who has been Donald's "voice" for the character's entire life.

Nato air sorties cut

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Bad weather earlier this week has meant that Nato air forces in central Europe have been able to fly only about half the expected number of sorties in their biggest annual exercise, Central Enterprise.

The exercise, which is organized by Allied Air Forces Central Europe based at Ramstein in West Germany, ivolved 950 aircraft from eight nations.

It had been expected that they would fly about 4,000 sorties, but by the time the exercise ended yesterday the total may about 2,000

The air forces of Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany, Canada, the United States and Britain participated as well as Danish aircraft from the Baltic Approaches Command and French aircraft

Getty Museum pays $20m for photographs

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The Paul Getty Museum has spent around $20m (£14m) in what is being described as the largest ever purchase of art photographs.

More than 18,000 nineteenth and twentieth century photographs, including a large number of French and English works, daguerreotypes from several European collections and a privately assembled collection of early American modernist photographs, are involved.

The size and impotance of the acquisition immediatley establishes the Getty Museum as the West Coast's prime centre for photography and a serious rival of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

News of the big purchase by the best endowed museum in the world stunned the art world. The six-month international negotiations were carried out in great secrecy so that even those selling did not know that the Getty Museum was the customer.

The museum, which has $80m a year to spend to maintain its tax status, also announced that Mr Weston Naef, of the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, had been appointed to run its new department of photography.

An anonymous collector from Bonn sold the museum a collection noted for its wealth of works by August Sander.

The photographs will be housed in temporary quarters at the Getty Centre for the History of Art and the Humanities in Santa Monica.

Zimbabwe intimidation denounced

From Stephen Taylor
Harare

Zimbabwe's main opposition group yesterday accused Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) party of launching a new wave of political intimidation in which one man has been killed and many injured.

In a statement read at a press conference here on his behalf, Mr Josiah Chinamano, vice-president of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu party, said Zanu (PF) was engaged in a campaign of terrorization, beatings and maimings of opposition supporters in Mashonaland West province in an attempt to coerce them into joining the ruling party.

The violence comes amid a rise in the political temperature as Mr Mugabe, the Prime Minister, pursues his stated objective of turning Zimbabwe into a one-party state.

Hundreds of people have been killed over the past two years in Matabeleland, where the Mugabe Administration claims Zapu is assisting a South African-backed insurgency. Mr Nkomo and other Zapu officials have repeatedly denied the allegations and accuse the army of atrocities against Zapu

Mr Chinamano said yesterday that the latest troubles started two weeks ago in the Msengezi area, the only part of Mashonaland where Zapu has significant support. Young Zanu (PF) members had beaten to death Mr Sparo Ndlovu, injured other Sapu supporters and violated their property, he said.

Mr Mugabe foreshadowed anti-Zapu action in Msengezi on May 19 when, speaking at the funeral of a Zanu official allegedly murdered by insurgents, he said the opposition had constantly abused his hand of friendship.

At yesterday's press conference, Mr Kenneth Mano, a member of Zapu's central committee said: "As a party, we would uphold the rule of law, but now private police forces and groups of thugs are being turned against us."

Videos turn into space invaders

Chicago (APF) – The world's first flying video arcade takes to the sky this weekend when United Airlines flight 1240, a DC8 bound from San Francisco to San Diego, conducts a test to see if video games prove as popular in the air as on the ground.

It is equipped with 122 computers that play checkers, backgammon, football, poker and blackjack. The video display screens are in the food tray tables attached to the seat backs.

Life for woman bomber

New Westminster, British Columbia (Reuter) – Ann Brit Hansen, a self-styled woman guerrilla, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1982 bombings of a Vancouver Island power station and a Toronto factory making guidance systems for cruise missiles. Ten people were injured in the Toronto blast.

As the judge passed sentence, calling her a menace to society, Hansen hurled a tomato at him, but missed.

Shuttle delay

Cape Canaveral (Reuter) – The June 22 launch of the US space shuttle Discovery, with a crew of six, has been postponed to June 25 to change one of its three main engines. Th interior insulation was found to be faulty. Three Soviet cosmonauts, meanwhile, completed their fourth month aloft on Salyut 7.

Briton jailed

Perpignan – (AP) The assize court here sentenced Nigel Dowsett, aged 22, a carpenter, of Melbourne near Derby, to four years' jail for murdering a local mechanic in a drunken brawl. The prosecutor accepted that victim and his group often provoked foreigners.

Ike ready to use bomb

Washington (Reuter) – President Eisenhower in 1953 gave approval for the possible use of atomic bombs against China, if Korean truce talks failed, according to previously classified papers released by the State Department yesterday.

The former president believed that Soviet intervention and another world war could be prevented with swift, decisive strikes against China, the records show.

"The President observed that the quicker the operation was mounted, the less the danger of Soviet intervention," minutes from a National Security Council meeting in May 1953 say.

Embattled Craxi coalition wins confidence vote on anti-inflation decree

From John Earle, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi's dissent-ridden Italian coalition won a vote of no confidence yesterday in the Senate to approve its decree cutting the automatic wage indexation system. The decree, passed by 172 to 12 votes, is an important plank in the Government's anti-inflation programme and now becomes law.

The low voting figures were due to the Communists, who walked out of the session in protest against a decision to overcome their delaying tactics by rationing speakers' times. Senator Gerardo Chiaramonte, the Communist floor leader, said the squabbling among the coalition parties had lowered the proceedings to the level of a farce.

The Christian Democrats made plain they were voting purely on the merits of the decree and not on the state of their strained relations with Signor Craxi's Socialists, with whom they may break after the European elections on June 17.

The atmosphere has been soured by insinuations from Signor Rino Giulio Andreotti, the Christian Democrat Foreign Minister, was really the power behind the conspiratorial and now banned P2 masonic lodge. The Christian Democrat leadership has called on the Socialists to dissociate themselves from these allegations but Signor Craxi, who is also party secretary, so far has done so only partly.

Another motive of dissent among the parties is the suspicion, based on the findings of the Christian Democrat chairwoman of Parliament's P2 inquiry commission, that Signor Pietro Longo, the Social Democrat Budget Minister, was a P2 member.

The coalition's lack of cohesion was shown by the defeat on Thursday in the Chamber of a minor Government measure to recruit staff for the forestry service in Calabria. The anti-inflation decree was only approved with the fourth vote of confidence, and was the second decree on the subject, the first having failed to win approval in April.

TV star on Mafia charge

From Our Own Correspondent, Rome

The Naples public prosecutor has asked for the committal to trial of Signor Enzo Tortora, a leading Italian television personality, with 668 other people alleged to have links with the Nuova Camorra Organizzata, one of the Mafia gangs in the Naples underworld. He is accused of Mafia activities and drug trafficking.

Signor Tortora had a weekly show, *Portobello*, on the state television network until his arrest a year ago. The prosecutor's report cites evidence from 11 witnesses alleging that he was involved in drug trafficking from 1977.

His case has aroused nationwide attention, as Signor Tortora has repeatedly maintained that he is innocent and the victim of a frame-up. Under house arrest, he has been put up by the small left-wing Radical Party as a candidate in the European elections on June 17. If elected, he will gain immunity from prosecution under Italian law.

Another television personality, Signor Emilio Fede, who is standing as a social democratic candidate, has been questioned as a witness in a case involving an illegal gambling ring.

Berlinguer gravely ill after stroke

From Our Correspondent, Rome

Signor Enrico Berlinguer, secretary of the Italian Communist Party, was in a grave but stable condition yesterday after an emergency operation in a Padua hospital to control a brain haemorrhage.

Signor Berlinguer, aged 62, who has headed the biggest communist party in the West since 1972, felt ill while speaking in Padua in the European election campaign after a similar engagement in Liguria earlier in the day. He fumbled for words during his speech but managed to finish it, then collapsed on returning to his hotel.

President Pertini immediately flew to Padua and visited Signor Berlinguer in the intensive care ward, where he was in a coma. The President, a Socialist, has maintained friendly relations with prominent communists since before the war.

Like President Pertini, Signor Berlinguer – a member of an old Sardinian family with a Spanish title of nobility – is widely respected for his honesty and integrity.

Under his leadership the Communist Party, which gained 30 per cent of the vote in the 1983 general election, has consummated its breach with Moscow. In the late 1970s, it moved out of opposition and supported the centre-left coalition governments.

His predecessors as party leader have all had strokes: Antonio Gramsci, Palmiro Togliatti and Luigi Longo. Today, the stress to which a deputy is subjected is increasingly taking its toll among the parties. The parliamentary doctor said that of 630 deputies an average of 50 came for examination or treatment each session.

In the corridors of the Chamber, the future leadership of the party was discussed among deputies, as Signor Berlinguer may not be able to resume an active role if he recovers. There is no deputy secretary or heir-apparent. The party's official attitude is that there is an effective collective leadership.

Unofficially, a name mentioned as a possible candidate is Signor Renato Zangheri, who built up a reputation as an efficient administrator as Mayor of Bologna.



Signor Berlinguer is helped from the podium in Padua.

Iraq arms itself for the offensive

Iraq is reported to have received new weapons as it waits for an expected Iranian offensive (Reuter reports).

Diplomatic sources in Baghdad said Iraq had received two types of Soviet-made air-to-surface missiles that could add teeth to its threat to destroy Iran's vital oil terminal at Kharg Island. According to an NBC news report in Washington, Iraq was buying cluster bombs from Chile for use against Iranian troops.

Civilians in both Iran and Iraq yesterday faced a renewed threat of aerial bombardment with both sides exchanging retaliatory raids on population centres.

The International Red Cross (ICRC), in a strongly-worded statement from its headquarters in Geneva, said the recent Iraqi air attack on the town of Baneh in Iran was "murderous" and urged both sides to stop killing civilians immediately.

In London, President Reagan and other Western leaders discussed ways to meet any oil shortage if the Iran-Iraq war closed the vital Gulf oil route. But a senior Reagan Administration official said a new ground offensive reported to be planned by Iran was unlikely to change the strategic outlook in the Gulf war.

"I don't think they (the Iranians) can bring enough power to bear to make a decisive change," the official said at a briefing for reporters. Iran has between 300,000 and 500,000 troops massed on Iraq's borders, apparently ready for an attack against the oil port of Basra.

The official added that problems faced by the Iranian military included a lack of training for young troops, a low level of technical ability in the use of weapons and difficult terrain.

In Washington, a Defence Department spokesman said the US had some success in talks with allies and other countries on stopping the arms flow to Iran and Iraq.

● **TEHRAN:** Iran yesterday ordered all volunteers already trained to report to barracks and told Arab Gulf states to stop aiding Iraq, or Iran would "act firmly against all who oppose us" (AFP reports).

President Khamenei, directing Friday prayers at Tehran University, told Iran's Gulf neighbours to put pressure on Iraq to end attacks on oil tankers. "If you find that after all the help you have given it, Iraq refuses to listen to you, then stop helping it. Stop making available your ports, your money, your propaganda. Get out of this war...."

● **BAHRAIN:** Kuwait is still shipping a large volume of oil through the Gulf despite a slowdown in tanker traffic and frequent threats of air attacks (Reuter reports). But industry analysts say that Kuwait is apparently considering using its own tankers to move oil down the waterway to vessels wary of entering the northern Gulf.

● **TEL AVIV:** Israel has proposed to Iraq that, because of the Gulf war, it should ship its oil through a disused pipeline from Baghdad to the Israeli Mediterranean port of Haifa, Mr Yitzhak Shamir the Prime Minister, said in an interview yesterday (Reuter reports).

Pro-Turkish essays cost British head his job

From Our Own Correspondent, Athens

The British headmaster of an international school in Athens and three American members of his staff have had their work permits revoked by the Greek Ministry of Education for allegedly spreading anti Greek propaganda in their school.

Mr John Kidner, headmaster of TASIS Hellenic International School in Athens, said the trouble began in February when the history teacher, Mr Dion Nittis, a Cypriot-born America, was expelled for asking his final-year current affairs class to write an essay justifying the Turkish invasion of Cyprus from a Turkish point of view.

The pupils were urged to refer to the school library's Turkish Embassy pamphlets on Cyprus if they needed aids. After the teacher's expulsion, Mr Kidner was called to the Ministry of Education to explain. He thought the matter was then closed, but last month the ministry wrote giving him, the schools academic dean, Mr David Adamson and Mrs Helen Andrews, the librarian, ten days to leave the country for condoning Mr Nittis's action.

The Ministry invoked a 1931 law governing the conduct of foreign schools in Greece. It prohibits the use of teaching materials, books, or aids "damaging to the Greek nation".

Mr Kidner who was born in Horsham, Sussex, has been living in Greece for the past 11 years with his cypriot wife. He said he had obtained an extension of their residence permits and had hoped to settle permanently in Greece, but feared the Ministry's decision was irrevocable.

The Greek Ministry of Education has since announced plans to set up a government school using English as a teaching medium for Greek children returning from abroad. If TASIS closed, they said, its campus would become available.

Botha's unofficial visit embarrasses Vienna

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, is in Vienna for a three-day unofficial visit which has provoked a storm of protests from anti-apartheid organisations and embarrassed members of the Austrian Government.

Telegrams from human rights organizations poured into the Chancellery to register their disapproval at Mr Botha's presence. Although Dr Fred Sinowatz, the Austrian Chancellor, emphasized the unofficial nature of Mr Botha's visit by not meeting the South African leader at Vienna's airport when he arrived on Thursday they nonetheless met for talks.

Earlier, more than 1,000 anti-apartheid demonstrators had marched some gruesomely disguised as skeletons, through the centre of Vienna, carrying black coffins and chanting "Botha out". The demonstrators demanded that the Government break off all commercial links with South Africa.

The Austrian Government's sensitivity to these demonstrations was underlined yesterday by the absence of the South African flag from the Imperial Hotel where Mr Botha is staying. It normally prominently flies the flag of visiting politicians.

Dr Sinowatz, during his meeting with Mr Botha, pressed for the unconditional release of Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the African National Congress, and was adamant that Mr Botha's visit was a sign that Austria with her neutral status, could not close her doors to anyone. Herr Erwin Lanc, the Foreign Minister, defended Mr Botha's presence in Austria as a "kind of confrontation".

The South African Prime Minister will chair today a meeting of South African ambassadors in the Imperial Hotel, before leaving Vienna early tomorrow.

Optimism over gas finds

South Africa near drilling breakthrough

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa believes that by the end of the year it will have confirmed the existence of commercially exploitable quantities of natural gas off the southern Cape coast which could be converted into liquid fuels such as petrol or diesel at a rate of 20,000 barrels a day for 20 years.

A spokesman for Soekor, the state-funded Southern Oil Exploration Corporation, said reserves of one million standard cubic feet of gas would be necessary to sustain fuel production at this level, which is regarded as the threshold of commercial viability. "We are now approaching this figure," the spokesman said.

Further exploratory wells were being sunk off Mossel Bay to determine the full extent of the field and methods of getting the gas ashore and converting it into liquid fuels were being studied.

"It is only after these extensive studies have been completed that Soekor will be in a position to lay final, accurate data before the Cabinet for their final decision regarding possible commercial production", he said. Soekor would probably be ready to do so early next year.

Despite this rather cautious public statement, Soekor officials left no doubt about their optimism over the latest finds which, if confirmed, will be the first important breakthrough for Soekor in nearly 20 years of drilling both on shore and off shore for oil and natural gas.

Oil is one natural resource South Africa has so far lacked, making it theoretically vulnerable to an embargo. In fact, such an embargo is formally observed by oil-producing countries.

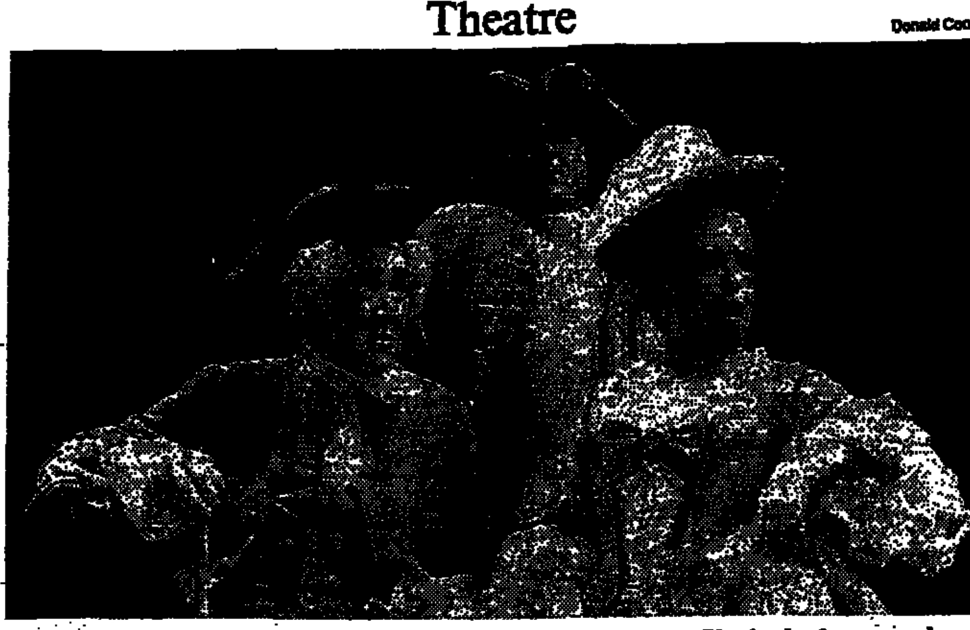
The threat of embargo, however, has already led South Africa to embark upon a vastly expensive oil-from-coal programme which may be meeting up to 30 per cent of the 320,000 barrels a day of liquid fuel which the country is unofficially estimated to require.

A Johannesburg newspaper, *The Star*, reported that the Government was studying a 2,000m rand (about £1,100m) project to exploit the field.

THE ARTS

Theatre

Donald Cooper



Anthony Quayle (left), Roy Kinnear and Joyce Redman: conflict in the foreground

Climber in the garden

The Clandestine Marriage
Albery

Arriving in the West End after two months on the road, the first production of Anthony Quayle's Compass Theatre Company does not raise any hopes of a successor to the Prospect Theatre.

It is a touring show that makes touring seem a liability: flashily dressed, dowdily set, and aiming at a style of broad, strenuous comedy that will hit home anywhere from Blackpool to Plymouth. Not that Garrick and Colman's piece is any rarefied comic bloom. A good-humoured intrigue between rank and money, turning on the efforts of an invincibly self-satisfied soap merchant to invest his daughters in something gilt-edged, it offers a well-prepared series of pratfalls for the greedy, fickle, and social-climbing members of the house party; and Mr Quayle's production punches this across with full-blooded relish.

What it omits, and what I learnt from the 1975 Savoy revival (curiously the play comes around every nine years) was the importance of environment.

Sterling, the merchant, is the Regency equivalent of an Islington knocker-through. On buying his estate, he cut down every tree in the place and crammed it with gutted temples, serpentines, ha-has and every extravagant folly in the neo-gothic catalogue.

Alas, all Tanya Moiseiwitsch is able to supply is a couple of sludge-green chunks of cardboard topiary and a wispy parkland vista whose only comic detail is the church spire which Sterling has installed to terminate the view. If there is one thing the setting fails to suggest it is that its owner lives in a state of some magnificence.

The message you get from the production is that the setting is merely "background", and that foreground conflict is the only thing that counts: a view strongly endorsed by the performances of a group of upfront comic sloggers. Even minor figures, randy servants and gluttonous lawyers go into whirlwind attack whenever they get the stage to themselves.

John Quentin's Melvil is a cane-brandishing Restoration coxcomb. Roy Kinnear's Sterling is the hen-pecked father of north-country farce. His tormentor, the dreaded sister Heidelberg, brings on Joyce Redman for the most explosive performance of the night – a wobbling, prognathous grotesque, firing off plummy Home Counties vowels along with dropped aitches, and subsiding into an alcoholic daze after showering her consort with buns.

Lord Ogleby, the senile suitor and the one part that everyone remembers, is played by Mr Quayle with a proper insistence on its benevolence and delicacy.

Quayle succeeds in eclipsing the memory of his macho Anthony Absolute, but what he offers – apart from some deftly timed courtship spasms – is a generalized study of old age: munching mouth, slow responses, onsets of hiccups at inconvenient moments, and collapses from good breeding into aghast dismay at the prospect of another tramp round the park.

If anything punctures the evening's fun it is that you feel sorry for the old boy.

Irving Wardle

Redemption Song
Riverside

Disillusioning homecomings are always assumed to make good drama, from Northern lads made good in London to the battle-crippled soldiers of German expressionism. Edgar White's play for Black Theatre Cooperative seizes on a specially interesting case: the West Indian boy who runs from London's chartered streets only to find city values, city greed and city snobbery at home.

Back to the land? What a hope. His father, a down-at-heel bum who would have found a kindred spirit in Josie's father from *Moon for the Misbegotten*, has sold the estate his grandmother's will promised him. The new owner is a rich ex-undertaker with a bastard son in the police and a young wife as a pretty chattel. And, says father between bottles of rum, is land the point of life, any more than any possessions are?

From this interesting point, and a dramatic crisis when young Legion starts to seduce the landlord's wife with a view to stealing the deeds, the play loses energy only to expire in his tear-jerking death. But the performances do live. Victor Romero Evans sustains a poet's integrity and fire despite reciting indifferent verse and revealing that he did time.

The grizzled Malcolm Frederick, when intelligible, casts an ominous shadow with his unsleeping eye for a hard bargain. Though she has wise words for men who use wives just to "beat and breed", Legion's ripely witty aunt (Carmen Munroe) hits bedrock with a ruthless mistress-to-mistress discussion on how to manage servant girls. And as the crippled albino sent to sleep under the porch, Stephen Persaud catched the eye as the pathetic Smike to Legion's Nickleby.

Anthony Masters

Television

Sharing places

Changing a light bulb in California, we are reliably informed, is a 26-person job (..."and 25 to share the experience"). Changing a clay-gun nozzle in one of Britain's steelworks traditionally required a not dissimilar ratio: eight men, drawn from three separate unions, did the work which ergonomics would have assigned to two.

"I had a mate", observed an electrician of the palmy days in the 1950s. "And every craftsman had a mate. You think of the number of the craftsmen within the works and then multiply that by two, and that gives you an idea of the excess of labour that existed at that time."

All Our Working Lives (BBC2) is systematically building up a tragic picture of Britain's economic decline, diagnosing for each industry in turn the precise historical moments at which chances were missed, bad policies espoused, or good policies neutralized by adverse winds from abroad.

It is also, through its diligent trawl among worker-survivors, presenting memorable portraits of many trades. Last night it was the steel workers' turn, and a more romantically enthusiastic bunch it would be hard to imagine. To be a melter was to work "black magic", said one; no textbooks, no theoretical chemistry just the unaided eye to tell them, from the way the slag rolled and the metal boiled, at what point to bring out steel of the highest grade. They were the elect, said an open-hearth manager, still awestruck in retrospect.

The story of steel is almost unbearably sad. As this century began, America and Germany were already outpacing us. The slump in demand after 1918 stymied our attempts at rejuvenation, while the Germans recovered fast, so that protective trade tariffs became imperative.

Enter BSC. Exit Corby, Shotton, Ebbw Vale. Exit, over three years, half the entire industry's workforce (well, fewer cars and ships were now being built). Rationalization, as one man put it with pardonable hyperbole, "by holocaust".

Michael Church

Radio

Grate and the good

Boy, have I got a column for you this week! We are going to have one heck of a time! In fact, we are going to have a BALL!

Now, I realize this is an unusual way to address readers of *The Times*, but I'm afraid it's the result of spending several weeks listening to Mr Stubby Kaye present The Million Dollar Musicals (Radio 2, Tuesdays), a 13-part series on the making of great musical films from the past 25 years, which began with *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, while earlier programmes have featured *Mary Poppins*, *West Side Story* and *The Music Man*.

There is something utterly bizarre about the idea of showing films on radio, but for over 30 years the BBC Light Programme, and later Radio 2, have been doing just that; and nothing (not TV, not VCRs, not even Barry Norman) has challenged the tradition. When I was young it was *Movie-go-Round*, today it is *Star Sound* and *Star Sound Extra* (Radio 2, Mondays and Thursdays), and the occasional megaseries like *The Million Dollar Musicals*.

This 780-minute epic is the work of writer/researcher Roy Pickard and producer Ken Evans, a partnership which has already given us *The Golden Age of Hollywood* (presented by James Mason) and *When You Wish Upon a Star* (a history of the Disney studio hosted by Hayley Mills). What each of these series have had in common is that they are immensely interesting and intensely irritating in about equal measure.

Mr Pickard has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the movies and a happy knack of getting directors, composers and film stars to reveal the kind of backlot secrets and little-known facts which every movie buff adores. For example, did you know that Bing Crosby was originally to have been cast opposite Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*?

The fact that these series are a source of irritation as well is largely due to the idiotic premise (which the BBC holds to like Holy Writ) that star presenters are an absolute necessity to acquire audiences. The thing is, some stars are better at it than others: James Mason was first-rate, Hayley Mills was disastrous and Stubby Kaye is in a hyper-ebullient category all of his own.

Any actor or actress, of course, is only as good as their script, and Mr Pickard frequently makes life jolly hard for them. "If you've ever wondered", said Stubby Kaye the other week, "just what it was like to walk on to the set for the first time as a director in a big Hollywood studio, well, we think we can help you..."

I very much doubt if there's a Radio 2 listener in the length or breadth of Britain who has ever wondered any such thing. It is carefully scripted informalities that grate most harshly upon the ear. And they are indulged in repeatedly: "Before we go any further, it must be said...", "This seems as good a time as any to mention..." and so on.

True enthusiasts of the cinema will find this patronizing style insufferable, while those who simply enjoy "songs from the shows" would doubtless rather just hear the records. Until recently, Radio 2 was showing how well this kind of programme can be done with Hubert Gregg's splendid series *I Call it Genius* (about, among others, Fred Astaire, Noël Coward and Louis Armstrong). "Genius" is an overworked word, but Mr Gregg is an intimate and informative broadcaster who credits his listeners with intelligence and wit – I call that excellence.

Anyway, as Stubby Kaye would say, we'd better be moving along. To Radio 3 in fact, and Nick Dear's devastatingly obsessive monologue In the Ruins (Sunday; director, Richard Wortley). Alone in Windsor Castle, George III – blind, deaf and totally crazy – ran madly through the ruins of his life looking for escape.

Spitting invective against physicians, revolutionaries and other rogues and vagabonds, His Majesty frantically catalogued the catastrophes of his catastrophic times, seeking reasons for his tragic fate.

In a 65-minute performance of stunning brilliance, Nigel Stock harangued a non-existent court of which we became peripheral members. Thunderous, funny and poignant, he gave pathetic dignity to this "poor old fool gone mad who thinks he's a king of a time gone by".

Brian Sibley

Training platform

Interforum
Keszthely, Hungary

It was from a recital at Interforum – the international rostrum for young performing artists which Hungary's concert management Interkoncert presents every three years – that Ilona Tokody, Covent Garden's recent and highly acclaimed Mimi, was launched on her international career.

This year, at the sixth Interforum which ended last Wednesday, a new and resonant voice compelled the attention of an audience of critics, agents and promoters at the Festetics Palace, in the small town of Keszthely on the shores of Lake Balaton.

Zsuzsanna Dénes from Budapest has, at the age of 27, put roles such as the Countess, Amelia and Tosca under her belt at the Hungarian State Opera: in her little half-hour recital last Saturday she ensured that ripples will very soon be spreading much further. She moved from Handel's Cleopatra to Manon Lescaut and Verdi's Leonora with a dramatic intensity and vocal distinction which will remain indelibly in the memory.

Hers is a generous and totally involving dramatic spinto soprano, seamlessly integrated so that its distinctive Eastern European smoky burnish can reach every shadow of "Tacea la notte", then focus both dignity and grief in the recitative of Julius Caesar's "Piangerò" before driving out the fury of its aria.

From the five days of recitals and the 22 young artists who took part, four other names stood out in especially sharp relief, two of them already familiar to British audiences. Nicholas Daniel arrived with his oboe and his exquisitely imagined recreation of Britten's *Six Metamorphoses after Ovid* as part of an uncompromising programme which also included Lutoslawski's *Epitaph for Alan Richardson*.

Barry Douglas's distinctive pianism and performing character were as vividly present in his inspired choice of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* which opened the fourth day.

That same telling integration of high musical intelligence and true performing flair characterized the violin playing of Aureli Blaszczok from Katowice in Poland. Both he and Alexander Vinnitsky (USSR) stirred what must have seemed a formidably stern audience to unusually warm applause; but whereas Vinnitsky's virtuosity in Tchaikovsky, Saint-Saens and Shostakovich was at heart that of a highly polished salon entertainer, Blaszczok also provided deeper root nourishment.

From Belgium, 21-year-old Guido da Neve is a violinist of fascinatingly contrasted character. His was a more quietly distinctive voice at Interforum, drawing in his Brahms D minor sonata on less immediately obvious technical élan to articulate his response to the work; but finding in it a seriousness of purpose tempered by imaginative insight which refused to take anything for granted.

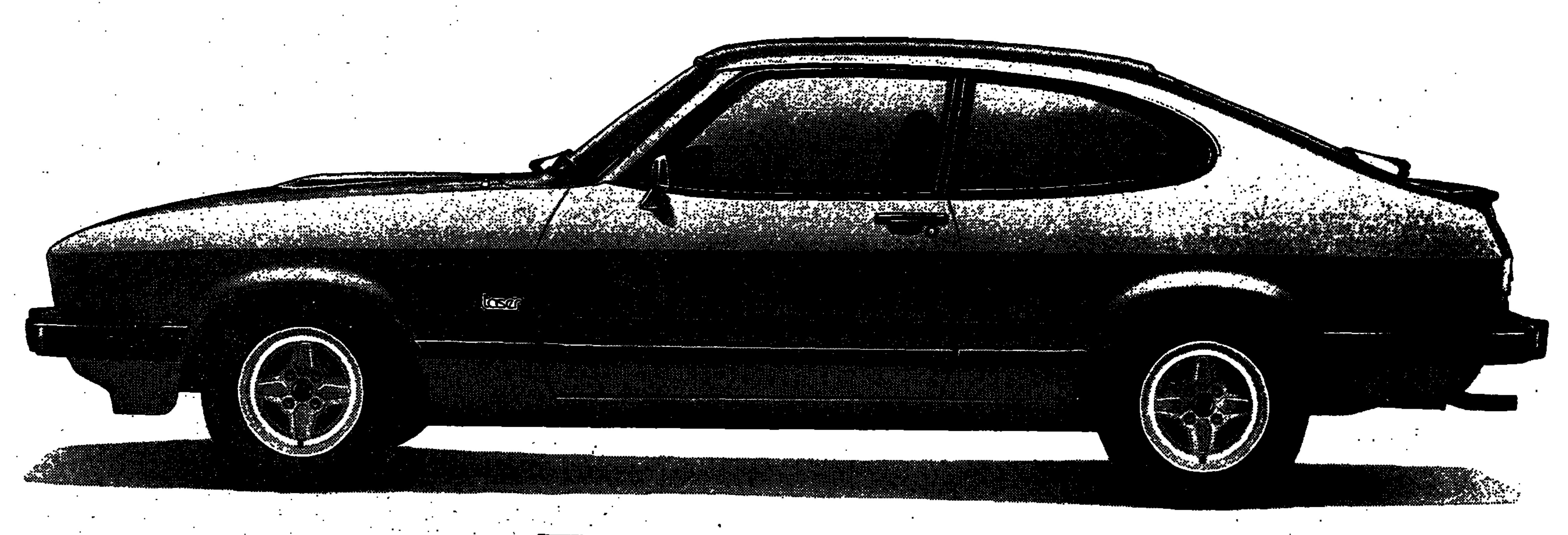
At Interforum the obvious inner competitiveness which stimulates the young musicians is rightly considered a sufficient spur without the imposition of the unnatural selection of an institutionalized competition.

It was good, after the last Carl Flesch competition, to meet again the ripening, evermore densely focused violin playing of Bulgaria's Angela-Maria Popova: good, too, in one of the many colourful extracurricular evening entertainments, to observe the developing career of a participant from earlier years, clarinettist Kálmán Berkes, who is now artistic leader of the Budapest Wind Ensemble.

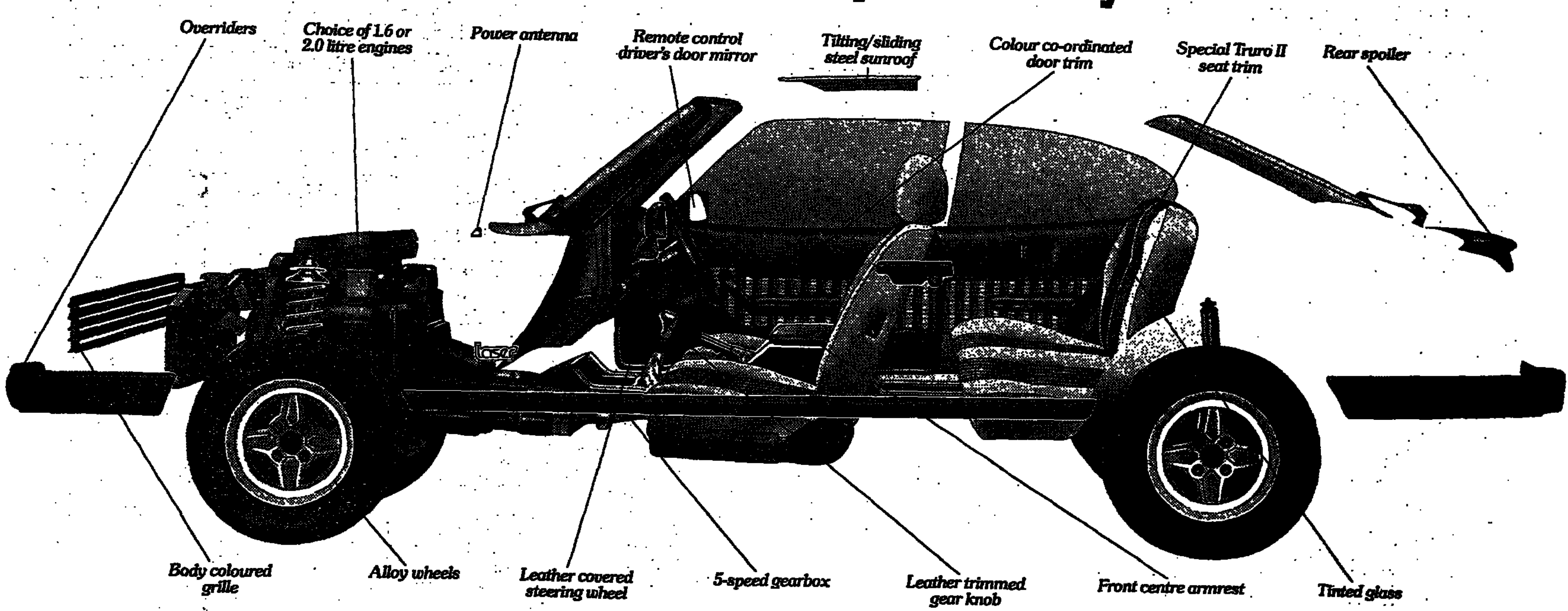
Interforum has had a precedent in non-competitive rostra in Bratislava's Interpodium, and now finds a successor at Ferrara; but its balance of occasion and informality, of musical interfertilization and broader cultural exchange, remains unique. While its young performers rehearse in the rooms and libraries in which Bartók and Robbins Landon carried out their researches, Hungarian television relays extracts from performances to a wider public. The importance of Interforum's continuation and development for both the musical life of Hungary and the musical ecology of the world cannot be underestimated.

Hilary Finch

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SPORTING DIARY

Calypso hit for six

The on-pitch battle between England and the West Indies has spread to the hallowed fields of the hit parade. The West Indian cricket team are releasing a pop record on Monday week, and a rival label is trying to tempt England into counter-attack.

"The West Indies are back in town" is a haunting ditty in the *soca* style, a particularly rapid form of calypso that is Trinidad's national dance music. Gordon Greenidge is the lead singer of a song that borrows the tunes of *Jamaica Farewell* and *The Banana Boat Song*, with words by Lance Percival. It begins:

Down the way where the skies are grey
And the rain falls daily on the umpire's head,
We've arrived with the Captain Clive
The cricket team Englishmen fear and dread."
Chorus: *"Glad to say, we're in the UK*
West Indian batsmen can bat all day.

The record is in with a chance of a top ten place, say Island Records. The aforesaid Englishmen have been approached for a riposte, but it is hard to see the project getting beyond the talking stage. Island seem to have backed the summer's winner.

● **Now it can be revealed: the most difficult bowler Ian Botham has ever faced. It is his best team mate, Viv Richards: "I couldn't live it down, getting bowled by him."**

Late bets

Derby day is the day for silly bets, but they don't come much sillier than the punter who, on hearing that a steward's inquiry was to be held after the race, approached a bookie with a £1,000 in notes, wagering that Pat Eddery and El Gran Senor would win the race on an objection. The bookie gave him 5-2. That rounded off a lovely day for every bookmaker on the course.

Bonny Buddy

Lambeth Palace is not renowned as a centre of sporting emotions, but it is possible that a ripple of trepidation has been felt there in recent weeks. For East Fife has risen from the Scottish second division to the first, arousing memories of 1938, when they became the first second division club to win the Scottish Cup. The side they defeated was Kilmarnock, and Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was in his youth a devoted Kilmarnock supporter. In fact His Grace confesses that he was wont to encourage the then centre forward, Bud Maxwell, with the stirring cry: "Doon the middle, Buddy boy!"

Struck out

Taking defeat with a cheery shrug is not the attitude that appeals to George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees baseball team. He was not pleased when the coaches told him that the Yankees, on being defeated by a theoretically inferior side, failed to spend the night gnashing their teeth and vowing to improve. In fact, they sat about in the players' lounge for a couple of hours watching telly. They won't do that again. When the players went on tour, Steinbrenner removed all the player's "leisure facilities" and turned the player's lounge into a recreation room – for the coaches.

● **Being given the best name in boxing history is not enough. Bash Ali of Nigeria has failed to win the World Boxing Council cruiserweight title. Carlos Delon outpointed him over 12 rounds.**

War games

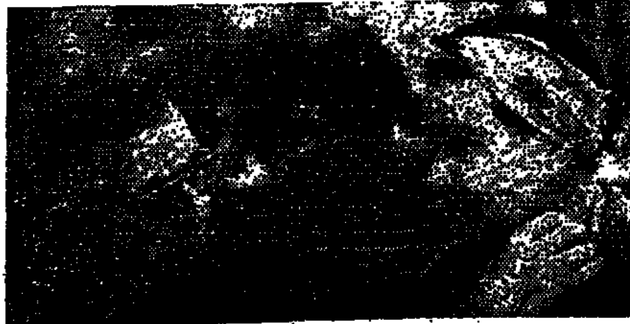
The African Champion's Cup has been rent by passions that neither diplomatic intervention nor Gabonese soldiers can allay. The match between Sanga Balende of Zaire and FC 105 of Gabon was abandoned after Sanga's substitute goalkeeper left the bench in an attempt to launch an assault on the referee. The Gabonese military intervened. Sanga walked off, and not even Zaire's ambassador to Gabon could persuade them back on the pitch. The match was abandoned with the score 2–2 on aggregate. Two weeks ago, another match in the same competition, between Zamalek of Egypt and Gor Mahia of Kenya was abandoned after the Kenyans started scuffling with the referee, and got themselves disqualified.

Passed over

The Women's Football Association has made a great leap forward. It is now affiliated with the FA proper, following instructions from FIFA, the international governing body. Perhaps it will improve our current showing: the England women's team recently got to the final of the inaugural European championship. Their attempts to find a London ground for the match failed, and they were accommodated by Luton Town, drew 1-1 on aggregate, but lost 4-3 on penalties. The WFA secretary, Linda Whitehead, explained: "The women's game is less physical, but more skilful." No chance of women playing for Liverpool, or even Chelsea, however; the FA chairman, Bert Millichip, said: "We stick by the High Court ruling of six years ago which barred girls from playing with boys after the age of 11."

Simon Barnes

The century's greatest existentialist often asked to be forewarned if close to death. But, as Simone de Beauvoir reveals in a forthcoming memoir, Sartre's fatal cancer was kept from him throughout those tense final days four years ago



Harmony: Sartre and de Beauvoir in 1970

My adieu to Jean-Paul

Richard Kalvar/Magnum

One Sunday morning at the beginning of March 1980 Arlette found him lying on his bedroom floor with a terrible hangover. We learned that he got his various young women, who knew nothing of the danger, to bring him bottles of whiskey and vodka. He hid them in a chest or behind books. That Saturday evening he had got drunk. Arlette and I emptied the hiding places, I telephoned the young women asking them not to bring any more alcohol, and I scolded Sartre vehemently. In fact, since it had no immediate consequences, this outbreak obviously did not damage his health; but I was rather uneasy about the future. Above all I could not understand the return of this passion for drinking. It did not square with his apparent mental balance. He put my questions aside, laughing. "But you're fond of drinking too," he said. Perhaps he was not bearing the situation as well as he did before. It is not true that "in time you get used to it." Far from healing wounds, time can on the contrary make them worse.

On Wednesday, March 19, we spent an agreeable evening together. The next morning I went to wake him at nine o'clock. Usually, when I went into his room, he was still dozing; this time he was sitting on the edge of his bed, gasping, almost unable to speak. Once when Arlette was there he had had what he called "an attack of aerophagia", but it had passed off quite soon. This one had been going on since five in the morning, and he had not had the strength to drag himself as far as my door and knock. I was frightened; I tried to telephone, but the service had been cut off, the bill unpaid. I threw on my clothes and used the concierge's telephone to call a nearby doctor, who came at once. As soon as he had seen Sartre he telephoned the emergency service from a neighbour's apartment, and they arrived in five minutes. Sartre was bled, given an injection, and treatment that lasted for nearly an hour. Then he was laid on a kind of wheeled stretcher which was rolled down a long corridor; he was breathing oxygen from a mask that a doctor held over his head. They put him into an elevator and took him to an ambulance that was waiting at one of the entrances. It was not yet known to which hospital he would be taken; they would telephone the concierge. I went up to his apartment again to wash and dress properly. Now that he was in good hands, I thought the attack would quickly be brought to an end. I did not cancel my lunch. I never imagined when I closed the apartment door behind me that it would never open for me again.

The next afternoon, the doctors told me that Sartre had a pulmonary oedema which was giving him a high temperature but which would soon be reabsorbed. He was in a big, light-filled room and he thought he was in the suburbs. The fever made him delirious. That morning he had said to Arlette, "You're dead too, my dear. What did it feel like, being cremated? Well, here we are, both of us dead now."

The fever lessened during the days that followed, and delirium stopped. The doctors told me that the attack had been caused by a lack of irrigation in the lungs, the arteries not functioning properly. But now the pulmonary circulation was reestablished. We had thought of leaving for Belle-Ile quite soon and Sartre was delighted at the idea. "Yes, I shall like being down there; we'll be able to forget about all this." As he was only allowed to see one person at a time, Arlette went to the hospital in the morning and I in the afternoon. I used to telephone at about ten to ask how he had passed the night, and the reply was always "Very well".

Presently I asked Dr Housset when he would be able to leave. Hesitantly he replied, "I can't say . . . he's frail, very frail". And two or three days later he said that Sartre would have to go down to the intensive care unit again. Sartre did not like it there.

There was no longer any question of going to Belle-Ile. I cancelled the rooms. But they did bring him back to a room, bigger and lighter than the first. "This is fine", he told me, "because now I'm quite near home." He still had a vague belief that at first he had been taken to hospital in a suburb of Paris. He seemed more and more weary; he began to have bedsores, and his bladder functioned badly. From time to time I left his room so that a visitor might come in. When I did so I went and sat in a waiting room. It was there that I overheard Dr Housset and another doctor talking, and they used the word "uremia". I understood that there was no hope for Sartre and I knew that uremia often brought hideous suffering with it; I burst into tears and flung myself into Housset's arms. "Promise me that he won't know he's dying, that he won't go through any mental anguish, that he won't have any pain!" "I promise you that, Madame", he said gravely. A little later, when I had gone back to Sartre's room, he called me. In the corridor he said, "I want you to know that my promise was not mere words. I shall keep it."

Afterwards the doctors told me that because his kidneys were no longer adequately supplied with blood, they no longer functioned. Sartre still passed urine, but without eliminating urea. An operation would have been needed to save one kidney, but he had not the strength to bear it.

He did not suffer during the few days that followed: "There's just one disagreeable moment", he told me, "and that's when they dress my bedsores in the morning. But that's all." These bedsores were horrifying to see (but fortunately they were hidden from him) – great purplish-blue and reddened patches. In fact, since the blood did not circulate properly, gangrene had attacked his flesh.

He slept a great deal; but he still spoke to me lucidly. At times it almost seemed that he hoped to get well. But I saw that he knew the end was near and that the knowledge did not overwhelm him. His only anxiety was the one that had tormented him these years – the lack of money. The next day, with closed eyes, he took me by the wrist and said, "I love you very much, my dear Castor." On April 14 he was asleep when I came; he woke and said a few words without opening his eyes, then he held up his lips to me.

I kissed his mouth and his cheek. He went back to sleep. These words and these actions were unusual for him; they were obviously related to the prospect of his death.

Some months later I met Dr Housset as I had hoped I should, and he told me that Sartre had sometimes asked him questions. "How will it all end? What is going to happen to me?" But it was not death that made him uneasy; it was his brain. He had undoubtedly felt the coming of death, but without anguish. No doubt the euphoria-inducing medicines they had given him contributed to this peaceful state of mind. But above all he had always borne what happened to him with moderation and constancy. He still passionately loved living, but was thoroughly used to the idea of death, even though he pushed back its time until he would be 80.

On the morning of Tuesday, April 15, when as usual I asked whether Sartre had slept well, the nurse replied "Yes. But . . ." I hurried over at once. He was asleep and breathing quite strongly; he was obviously in a coma, and he had been since the evening before. I stayed there for hours, watching him. At about six I made way for Arlette, asking her to telephone if anything happened. At nine the telephone rang: She said, "It's over." I came with Sylvie. He looked just the same; but he no longer breathed.

Sartre had often told me that he did not wish to be buried at the Père Lachaise cemetery between his mother and stepfather; he wanted to be cremated. We decided to bury him provisionally in the Montparnasse graveyard, from which he would be taken to the Père Lachaise for the cremation; his ashes would be brought back and placed in a permanent tomb in the Montparnasse graveyard.

At one point I asked to be left alone with Sartre, and I made as if to lie down beside him under the sheet. A nurse stopped me "No. Take care . . . the gangrene." It was then that I understood the real nature of the bedsores. I lay on top of the sheet and I slept a little.

At first the funeral was fixed for Friday, but then it was changed to Saturday so that more people could attend. Giscard d'Estaing let it be known that he knew Sartre would not have wished for a national funeral, but that he offered to pay the expenses. We refused. He made a point of paying his respects to Sartre's remains.

On Saturday morning we gathered in the lecture theatre where Sartre was laid out, his face uncovered, stiff and cold in his fine clothes.

I got into the hearse. Before us there was a car covered with splendid sheaves of flowers and wreaths. A kind of minibus carried those friends who were old or unable to walk far. A huge crowd followed – about 50,000 people, most of them young. There were some who rapped on the hearse windows; these were usually photographers leaning their cameras against the glass to take me unawares. Around it people we did not know spontaneously linked hands, making a chain. All the way the crowd was orderly and warmly sympathetic, generally speaking.

"I was more or less anaesthetized by Valium and braced taut in my determination not to collapse. I told myself that this was exactly the funeral Sartre had wanted, and that he would never know about it"

I saw nothing. I was more or less anaesthetized by Valium and braced taut in my determination not to collapse. I told myself that this was exactly the funeral Sartre had wanted, and that he would never know about it. When I got out of the hearse the coffin was already at the bottom of the tomb. I asked for a chair and I sat there at the edge of the open grave, my mind a blank. I saw people who had climbed on to walls, on to tombs; a vague swarming mass. I stood up to go back to the car. It was only ten yards away but the crowd was so dense that I thought I should be smothered.

On Wednesday morning there was the cremation at the at the Père Lachaise and I was too exhausted to go. I slept and – I cannot tell how – I fell out of bed and remained there in a sitting position on the carpet. I was delirious. I had pneumonia. I got over it in two weeks.

Sartre's ashes were brought to the Montparnasse cemetery. Every day unknown hands lay little bunches of fresh flowers on his grave.

There is one question that I have not asked myself, I admit. It will perhaps occur to the reader. Should I not have warned Sartre of the imminence of his death? When he was in hospital, weakened and without resilience, all I thought of was hiding the gravity of his condition from him. But before that? He had always told me that in the event of cancer or any other incurable disease he wanted to *know*. Yet his was an ambiguous case. He was "in danger," but would he hold out another ten years, as he had wished, or would everything be over in a year or two? Nobody knew. He had no arrangements to make; he could not have taken better care of himself. And he loved living. He had already found it hard enough to accept his blindness and his infirmities. If he had been more exactly aware of the threat that hung over him, it would only have darkened his last years without doing any good. In any case, like him, I wavered between dread and hope. My silence did not separate us.

His death does separate us. My death will not bring us together again. That is how things are. It is in itself splendid that we were able to live our lives in harmony for so long.

Extracted from Adieux, a farewell to Sartre *by Simone de Beauvoir, to be published by André Deutsch in association with Weidenfeld & Nicholson on June 18, price £14.95.*

Amritsar – Gandhi's Falklands factor?

Delhi
Mrs Gandhi can justifiably feel a swell of satisfaction over her long delayed decision to send in troops to clean out the Golden Temple in Amritsar and other centres of Sikh extremism. "In these matters you can never win", she said this week after being accused of both being too tough and not tough enough. But there is little doubt that her action has met with almost universal approval among the Indian people.

The Communist Party of India has been vocal in its support. The other opposition parties so far have been keeping silent; but the newspapers which may generally be counted on to oppose her have been as fulsome in their praise as those which constantly support her.

The generally hostile *Indian Express*, which has India's biggest circulation, described the assault on the temple as a "swift, clean surgical operation." But it went on to say the action should not be taken as a victory for Mrs Gandhi's Congress (I) party and, by inference, a setback for the opposition.

But that exactly is what it is. This is election year, and every government action is bound to be measured in terms of its effect on the voters. Mrs Gandhi now appears to be in much the same position as Mrs Thatcher after the Falklands war. In Mrs Gandhi's case there does not seem to be much criticism of the bloodiness of her response except from squeamish foreign journalists who in any case are being kept well away from the scene.

While the impact of her action cannot yet be measured, she can be sure of a heartfelt vote of thanks from Hindus in the north-west.

Mrs Gandhi has often been accused of pandering to the Hindus to curry votes along communal lines. The accusation does not really hold water since, if she did so nationally, she would lose the Muslim vote which has been a mainstay of her party.

In fact her action in the Punjab represents a major blow against communalism in favour of secularism. It is equally a blow against regional secessionism in favour of the maintenance of India's unity. But it was a close run thing.

The period of apparent dilatoriness in dealing with the terror allowed Sikh communalism to grow. At the same time the burgeoning frustration felt by many Sikhs at this seeming inability to come to terms fed the demand for secession and made almost respectable the call for establishment of "Khalistan", the land of the pure.

The Sikh communal terror in turn fed Hindu communalism, particularly over the border in Haryana, the Hindu state that was carved out of greater Punjab after the previous Akali agitation.

While the seizure of the Golden Temple will no doubt give deep satisfaction to the Hindu communalists it could deal a death blow to Sikh communalism and secessionism, and so to communalism and secessionism in other parts of the country where regional and religious feelings are strong.

But for this to happen Mrs Gandhi needs to manoeuvre exceptionally carefully. A false step could lead to a further inflammation of Sikh communal feeling and further Bhindranwales could arise from the ashes of the old.

First she must dispel all suspicion about the army's actions in the temple. This she can do by opening Amritsar and the temple to the press as soon as possible, and by allowing the foreign press back into the state. At the same time the Draconian regulations imposed on the press within the Punjab should be removed before they become instruments of oppression.

Second she should ensure that the second phase of the military action – the rooting out of arms and terrorists from places other than the gurdwaras, the Sikh temples – does not itself become oppressive.

Third she must deal swiftly with the leaders of the peaceful agitation to settle the dispute, so that no further cause for dissatisfaction exists. The leaders of the agitation are at present detained under the National Security Act. The opportunity should be taken to urge upon them the virtues of compromise, and to be magnanimous in return.

In her broadcast to the nation before the troops went into the holy complex Mrs Gandhi outlined in some detail the Akali Dal's demands and the government's response to them. There is very little difference between them now, and a close associate of hers made it clear to me recently that a settlement was actually put together in February only to be blown apart by Bhindranwale's followers.

If that can be revived, if the Sikhs can be satified that they have gained the justice they feel they have lacked, if peace breaks out in Punjab, then Mrs Gandhi will have won a major victory . . . and probably the election too.

Michael Hamlyn

Woodrow Wyatt

Democracy: it's up to the Lords

On June 19 the House of Lords will debate an amendment to the Trade Union Bill requiring union executives to be elected by secret home postal ballots. The amendment will have the support of a group of Conservative, Liberal and SDP peers – and possibly some on the cross-benches. It will be opposed by Labour peers in discreditable collusion with the Government. That is part of the deal between the Department of Employment and the General Council of the TUC through which the Government hopes to get some acquiescence for the rest of its Bill.

The General Council is against such ballots because many of its members would not be where they are today if that were the general practice. Anxious to have good relations with the TUC, Employment Department officials have persuaded Tory ministers, who *ipso facto* do not understand the working of trade unions, that postal ballots are neither desirable nor practicable.

Much play is made of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades (FTATU) Union, which uses postal ballots. In 1976, Mr B. Rubner, a communist, was elected general secretary, and in 1981 he was re-elected for a further five years. So, it is claimed, postal ballots do not automatically keep out extremists. But no-one ever said they always would. The point is that they give union members a genuinely democratic chance to vote for whoever they want, whether he be a Communist, Trotskyist, or believer in any other political creed.

The FTATU is a small, declining union of about 60,000 members. It has long had a strong communist influence, particularly in London, and no doubt the general secretary does a good job for his members. But it does not matter who holds that office in a tiny union which makes no national impact and whose block vote counts for little at the Labour Party conference. It is what is done by the big unions, in key positions in the country, that matters. Hardly any hold secret postal ballots but have varieties of election procedures which are open to manipulation by extremists.

The Government has long shown that it thinks postal ballots are the best method by offering to pay for them. Therefore its argument that ballots could be undesirable must be insincere. It falls back on the impracticability argument.

Many unions have no records of their members and their home addresses, and some have incomplete ones. It is claimed that home postal ballots would not be feasible. But unions claim a voice in running the economy and affiliate to the Labour Party on the basis of how many members pay the political levy. How can they do that if they do not even know who their members are or where they live?

The engineers' and the electricians' unions put members' names and addresses on a computer. This does not ensure total accuracy, because of members' changes of address, but it produces an acceptably complete electoral register far better than that given by any other system. If home postal ballots were compulsory, they could be financed by the government in the same way as postal charges, and a two-year period, say, could be allowed before they were introduced.

It is argued that workplace ballots, prescribed under the Trade Union Bill as an alternative way of electing union officials is better than the postal method. That may sometimes be so. But workplace ballots, conducted by local officials, are notoriously open to manipulation and intimidation. The miners' pithead ballots, taken as a model by the Department of Employment, are highly suspect when the contest is narrow. And a miner requested by a jeering mob to show how he is voting before he puts his ballot paper in the box is not a free agent.

In the largest Civil Service union, the CPSA, and in others such as the Transport and General Workers, the rail unions, the shop workers' union, the Post Office and Engineering union, there are hundreds of workplaces. Independent supervision of ballots there is impracticable.

The Government answer to this is that an aggrieved member has the right to resort to the courts. He can, if he is prepared to pay the costs, spend years of his life on the legal processes and suffer intimidation and harassment on the way. Why should the ordinary union member be asked to go through all this?

The obvious answer is to have a small quango to supervize the elections of union officials – which are at least as important as local council elections. The quango should receive from the union lists of members and their addresses, and send out ballot papers with pre-paid envelopes to be returned for a count of the votes. The quango should deal with complaints of non-receipt of ballot papers or irregularities, and should be empowered to make spot checks of the lists held at union headquarters to guard against any malpractices.

It is all so simple that it is incomprehensible that anyone with democratic instincts should resist it. Not all quangos are bad: some are positively helpful. The opinion polls show that the great majority of trade union members wish to receive their ballot papers at home, where they can study them calmly and without pressure. There is no reason why election addresses of the candidates should not be sent with the ballot paper.

The Lords have often rallied to democracy. On June 19 they should do so again, and not be put off by the Government whips and their allies, the Labour Party and the TUC.

The Government says that if its patchwork system proves unsatisfactory, it will look at it again in two or three years time. Why not get it right now before the Trade Union Bill becomes law?

Alan Franks

Copperplate with a Golding touch

William Golding, rather incongruously, turned into the Lord of the Fly Leaves on Thursday. It happened at Blackwell's bookshop in Oxford – where else? – at the stroke of noon, when Broad Street was bathed in the dazzling sunshine that always waits for Finals week.

The Nobel prizewinner was doing the penance of all great living authors – a signing. By 11.45 a snake of admirers had formed outside the display window that had been gilded with Golding. It coiled back down the pavement of the Broad toward's the King's Arms, where young people in subfusc, their faces grey with study, fortified themselves for the last papers.

Golding himself was genial. He no doubt objected to being roused from his ruminations in Wiltshire, where he is completing his latest manuscript; but if there was resentment here, it was keeping itself to itself.

Shortly after taking his seat opposite the cash desk, he was sighted by a camera-hung couple from Michigan. "Say, honey, look who's over there", said the husband. "George Bernard Shaw."

"Oh, yeah, the noo Poet Lor'yit", the wife replied, with the zeal of a tourist stumbling on the ultimate monument. The general view was that Oxford had seen nothing like it since *E.T.* came to the BBC.

What a thing is a signing; a peculiarly comatose spectacle in which the man of letters, embarrassed by his fame, sits at a public desk while people who studied him for O-level file reverently past, too awed to speak. Silence all the way. Except for the Americans, that is:

"Say, Mr Golding, can yer put the date in?"

"I think I can manage that. Where are we?"

"Seven, six, eighty-four, I guess."

"Why, yes. There you are."

"And the place, if yer could."

"Oh, yes. Erm . . ."

"Oxford."

"Oxford, yes."

"Gee, thanks."

The world of books is divided into two segments: the signers and the sign-nots. You might say that Edward Heath is the archetype of the former – he even used to do it on trains – and Samuel Beckett of the latter. Of course, Heath, in his great signing days, was suffering from the withdrawal symptoms of post-premiership. That hand that once pumped the palms of statesmen craved some public sop for its redundancy.

Not so with Golding, ever a private man, more Beckett than Heath. He must have been suffering from ring-rust, not having signed since, I suggested, Hatchards, circa 1969.

"No, that's wrong, I've never signed anything at Hatchards", he said. "Not even a cheque. I've signed books in Hamburg, and in Sweden, and Kent University, but that's about it".

You wouldn't have thought it. On Thursday he was running at about one signature per 12 seconds, which is a speed of 300 cph (copies per hour). That's not as good as Sir Geraint Evans, nor indeed as David Attenborough, who performs as an astonishing 600 cph. But Golding was not short-changing the customers; none of your brash capitals tailing into a blurred wave of lower-case; each character painstakingly wrought, just like some of the other writing he has been known to undertake.

It is a hazardous business, this laying the public persona on the line. Eric Sykes came a cropper the other day when only three people turned up, and Beryl Bainbridge, while at some provincial library, was asked whether she had brought her drum-kit. And so on. Apocryphal, the lot of them, no doubt. But fiction begets fiction, and why not?

"Yes, I *do* mind coming", said Golding. "It's the kind of thing that becomes obligatory and I'm getting a bit short-fused. The book is my prime job. I mean to say, if you're a lecturer, you should be lecturing, shouldn't you?"

By 1pm the tide had begun to ebb, and Golding ("My signature is now approximating more and more to a series of circles") was looking like a jaded, but still terribly important, customs official, silently granting rights of passage to anxious travellers.

His new book, *The Paper Men* – it is self-concerned with the social exigencies of authorship – was going the best, with *Lord of the Flies* and *Darkness Visible* in second and third places. Now, for some reason, he was trading Irish verse with a customer, and writing "To W. B. Yeats" in paperback copy of *The Spire*.

And, at last, lunch, high in the rambling Blackwell's masonry, then back to his old college, Brasenose – "For a sleep, I hope" – while the third-year swots racked their younger memories in the schools building. "After dinner I'm talking to the literary society: They wanted a proper talk, but I'm just going to answer questions. Much easier that way."

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TIME TO GO TO LAW

The Lancashire miners who took the NUM to court and were awarded an injunction yesterday have set an example which the other parties to this struggle have so far signally failed to emulate. Thirteen weeks into the strike, and who can say when it will end? Is it fair of the government, the NCB, British Steel, possibly even the CEGB, and all those other industrial enterprises deprived of coal or inhibited in their distribution of it, to go on fighting this battle to the last loyalist miner and his family?

Certainly the loyalist miner is aided by the long-suffering constabulary, but at least the policeman can recognise that they are adequately and additionally compensated for their work controlling pickets. That is not the case with the loyalist miner. If he wants to work he may have police protection afforded to him, and sometimes to his family. In the case of the Lancashire and Nottinghamshire plaintiffs they were also able to receive court support against attempts to abuse union discipline by intimidating them into taking strike action which was not supported by the rule book. But these protections are small stuff compared to the daily and future intimidation with which the loyalist miner has to cope to assert his right to work. Each day he has to run the gauntlet of a picket line, which the police may restrain from physically assaulting him but which for all that is engaged in criminal intimidation. To that must be added the menace of future victimisation in the pits which will not be policed by the courts or the constabulary. And yet, in spite of this, each day more men, in ones or twos or threes or dozens – a total of 451 returnees, recorded in Derbyshire yesterday – seem to be dribbling back. In a war of attrition these single spies are as important as battalions, provided the trend can be maintained.

Now we have the spectacle of the five transport unions again being brought into the act. Their leaders have decided not to mind their own business but to instruct their members to align themselves with the striking miners and to blockade all coal and oil movements to power stations and steel works. Their members have so far not responded to previous appeals of this kind, but even though the leaders cannot deliver their men the fact that they think they should be trying to broaden this dispute is too serious to be ignored.

One cannot and should not allow this proposal to be dismissed as the predictable background noise to the resumption of negotiations. It is clearly secondary action of the most unacceptable kind. Is it not time that the courts were called in again? One can recognise that, for tactical reasons to prevent unity in the NUM, it may have been thought prudent for the NCB to desist from cashing in on its injunction against the NUM, though had it done so it is hard to see how the NUM could have escaped a charge of contempt, and appropriate fines. Why should such caution now apply, in terms of the proposed secondary action, to the interests of British Rail, British Steel, the Electricity Board or any other enterprise likely to suffer the inconvenience of this wider attempt by trade unionists to bully and coerce innocent people into siding with one section of the mine workers rather than the other?

If ever there were secondary action crying out to be identified in the courts, and to be prevented, this must be it. Faced with such threats one of these public bodies should be ready to go to court, seek an injunction, and if that is awarded, and then defied, report any breach so that the authority of the court is properly upheld even should that involve fining trade unions again and again and again until they recognise the error of their ways.

Last November at Warrington the NGA printing union learnt the hard way that coercive trade union power will not be allowed to triumph when set against the authority of the courts. That folly cost the union at least £650,000 and maybe more before all litigation is concluded. Perhaps the same lesson has to be learnt by other trade union leaders seeking to use their members as shock troops in battles which have nothing to do with them, with the punishment for defiance of the courts, if it occurs, measured not this time in tens of thousands but in hundreds of thousands. Only then might trade union leaders understand the point Mr Len Murray was putting to them, without any thanks, that there cannot be one law for the block-vote bullies, and one for the rest of us.

DANGEROUS REMEDIES

The death in Dublin last month of a thirty year old man fifteen minutes after he had been injected with a new heart drug in the course of its being tested for safety has rightly reawakened serious misgivings about the control of such tests, not only in the Irish Republic but also in Britain. Mr Niall Rush, the son of the Irish Ambassador in Luxembourg, was an unmarried art student who had volunteered to be tested with the drug and was apparently given medical tests before he was accepted for the testing programme.

In Britain, the testing of medical drugs is in three stages after laboratory work has been completed – animal testing, followed by testing on healthy human volunteers, and finally testing on hospital patients. A drug may not, however, be tested without a certificate issued by the DHSS, as required under the Medicines Act, which is not issued until appropriate data have been collected and the drug is adjudged sufficiently safe.

It is the second stage of testing, before the licence to use the drug on hospital patients is granted, that gives chief cause for concern. Most of the seven British and eight foreign research-based drug companies operating in Britain do their own drug testing and use their own employees for it. The companies are, in consequence, well placed to know about them and their state of health, and to keep them under medical review thereafter. In all, some 2,000 such volunteers are used by the companies each year. This leaves a small proportion of drug-testing volunteers to be found by special drug-testing agencies to which investigations are contracted out. These are well under ten per cent of the total of human voluteers.

The industry itself provides various safeguards for those who submit themselves as human guinea-pigs. After the action of the drug and the purpose of the experiment has been explained to volunteers, they are usually required to sign an industry-recommended contract. In theory at least, it is assumed that as they work in the industry they have understood the explanation, and the contract they sign gives them automatic compensation in the event of injury or death without recourse to the courts. This does not, however, exclude court action if any individual wishes it.

Yet the essential protection of the volunteers depends not on such insurance arrangements but on the work of ethical committees which determine the safety and suitability of the drugs for testing on healthy volunteers. The guidelines on which these committees run were laid down in the 1970's by the Royal College of Physicians. However, these bodies can either be the drug company's own "in-house" committee or an external and fully independent committee. Although the proportion of companies using an in-house committee has been falling, it is still essentially a question for each firm itself whether or not an external committee should be used.

Obviously, therefore, the first reform needed is that reference to an external committee should be compulsory before a new drug is used on healthy volunteers. The Medicines Commission has recently been concerned with both the formation and the constitution of ethical committees and has taken the view that standards of safety must not only be good but seen to be good. They have recommended that the Royal College of Physicians should appoint a committee of its own to review, strengthen and update the present recommendations, and such a committee is now in the process of being formed. It seems highly desirable that one of its firm conclusions should be that all ethical committees on drug testing should be independent of the drug firm whose trials they are supervising. This is particularly important in the case of agencies who are not using their own employees, and if necessary the government should legislate to provide this safeguard.

Two other precautions are needed. Volunteers in future should be drawn only from the industry itself and students (including medical students) should never be used. It is plainly wrong to recruit young people who may be drawn by poverty to submit to such tests for the sake of the money. (A drug testing agency was criticized some months ago for using students in tests which were then found possibly to have long-term carcinogenic effects.) Finally, it should be mandatory that volunteers are told that they have rights in law for compensation, as well as any additional rights they may acquire from the pharmaceutical industry.

MR MONDALE'S FIRST TASK

The Democratic Party of the United States has arrived ragged and tired at the end of a long series of primaries and caucuses that were supposed to produce an undisputed, popularly chosen candidate for the presidential election. Instead of one candidate they have two (or three if Mr Jesse Jackson is included). Instead of unity they have division. And their front runner, Mr Mondale, has been more bruised, challenged and financially depleted than is good for him or the party. Mr Reagan's speechwriters will remember the things that were said about Mr Mondale by members of his own party.

Nevertheless, the campaign, though not particularly edifying, has had some value. It has weeded out many of the weaker candidates, including some who looked strong at first, such as Senator Glenn. It has drawn new people into political activity, including a large number of blacks mobilised by Mr Jackson. It has tested the front runners and exposed, though scarcely clarified, some of the issues now facing the country. On balance it has not been quite as wasteful and destructive as it sometimes seemed.

Mr Mondale has emerged as a formidable slugger, tough, well-organized, firm under pressure and virtually certain to get the nomination. He has made few serious mistakes, except for some confusion over the financing of his campaign. He has shown that he could be a safe though uninspiring president, capable of gathering competent people around him and dealing rationally with the world. He still has a slim chance of winning if Mr Reagan makes mistakes, if he can capture the black vote, and if he can capitalize on his sixteen per cent lead among women voters.

Meanwhile Senator Hart has surprised a lot of people with his string of victories culminating in California. He has shown that he can capture the imagination of many voters, particularly young professionals without strong party affiliations. Exposure has shown up flaws in his character and his organization, and he has alienated the unions and many party regulars, but if he plays his cards right he will be well placed for the 1988 election.

Much will depend on what he does between now and the party convention. If he decides to drop his candidacy and back Mr Mondale he will help unite the party against Mr Reagan and will thereby win the gratitude and support of party regulars whose help he will need in 1988. He is now under a lot of pressure to do this. On the other hand he might feel he was betraying the six million or so people who voted for him and the bright young enthusiasts who worked for him. He would also risk being associated with a humiliating defeat in the November election.

A compromise could be the most likely solution. He could remain nominally in the race but tone down his campaign and cease attacking Mr Mondale in the hope of using his power at the convention to influence the policy platform or maybe to bid for the vice-presidential nomination. To join Mr Mondale on the ticket, if the chance were offered, would be a gamble but on balance it would probably strengthen his chances for 1988 by bringing him back into the mainstream of the party.

A Mondale-Hart ticket could also be tempting for the party. The professionals know they need the young independents whom Senator Hart can mobilise; they also know that the polls show him to have more pulling power than Mr Mondale against Mr Reagan. Such a ticket would be weak in the South, which might rule it out, and there may now be too much bitterness between the two men for them to work convincingly together. Yet in one way or another a semblance of party unity will have to be restored if there is to be any chance of an effective campaign. Mr Mondale must look much more presidential than he does now. If he cannot unite his party nobody will believe that he could unite the country as president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Talk unsuitable for 'The Times'?

From Mr Robert Jackson, MP for Wantage (Conservative) and MEP for Upper Thames (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Like many others, I have noted with regret the spreading stain of philistine insularity in *The Times* leader columns, but its latest manifestation – your attack (June 7) on the idea of more and better modern European-language teaching in British schools – really takes one's breath away.

The Times may not like it, but it is a fact that 56 per cent of Britain's exports now go to Western Europe, whence come 61.5 per cent of our imports (and the ratio might be better if we spoke their languages as well as they do ours).

It is also a fact – again, however much *The Times* may regret it – that the better part of our future, political, social and cultural, as well as economic, lies in the increasingly close ties which bind us to our nearest neighbours in western Europe.

And yet the proportion of school children learning, say, French to O levels has fallen from 12.4 per cent to 10.7 per cent over the past 10 years. Ministers intend to try to do something to remedy this perverse trend.

It is a pity that, in its current mood of aggressive nostalgia and eccentric parochialism, *The Times* cannot give them the support they deserve.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT JACKSON,
House of Commons.
June 7.

From Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP for Cambridgeshire and Wellingborough, (European Democrat (Conservative))

Monsieur, Quand j'étais Président de la Commission du Commerce Extérieur de la Grande Bretagne, on m'a reconté plusieurs exemples d'acheteurs qui ont refusé une réunion avec les vendeurs qui ne parlaient pas leur langue.

Deshalb ist Ihr Vorschlag schlect.

Frankly, old boy, you can take it from me that the foreigner is a lot less suspicious if you can explain to him in his own lingo how the gadget works.

Yours sincerely,
FRED CATHERWOOD
(Chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 1975-79),
Shire Hall,
Castle Hill,
Cambridge.
June 7.

Scope in engineering

From Dr John Brown and Mr Derek H. Roberts

Sir, The letter in your issue of May 31 from Professor Heyman and his Cambridge engineering colleagues raises two issues – the recruitment of engineers from abroad and the shortage of training places for undergraduates – which are largely unrelated.

GEC, like other electronics companies, has recruited small numbers of well qualified scientists and engineers with special skills from countries such as Australia, principally to fill posts in high technology. Movement of such staff between countries is part of the process by which technology advances and is to be welcomed.

We often bewail the brain drain when UK talent moves abroad: should we not welcome an inward movement? Incidentally, the Cambridge Department of Engineering sensibly recognises the benefit of recruitment abroad when filling its senior posts.

On the second point, the shortage of training places for undergraduates, we share the concern expressed by Professor Heyman, but we refute the statement, as far as GEC is concerned, that we are limiting the short-term places for undergraduates or that training budgets are being cut.

During the current academic session, GEC units are sponsoring 1,490 students on a variety of courses – most in engineering disciplines – in universities and polytechnics. For each sponsored student a programme of practical in-company training and experience is provided.

In addition to sponsorship, GEC units offer vacation employment to other students and each year the total of sponsored students plus vacation students exceeds the number of graduate engineers we expect to recruit. In other words, we are contributing at least our share to the total training needs for engineering undergraduates.

A problem of recent origin is the introduction by universities such as Cambridge of mandatory training requirements. Cambridge, according to our most recent information, expects its students to complete a workshop training course of a rather traditional kind.

The nature of the work in electronics companies excludes any possibility of such a course since neither suitable equipment nor experienced staff are available. Further, such companies do believe that a course of this kind has little relevance for prospective electronic engineers.

Our suggestion to alleviate these problems is to establish direct and effective contact between industrial engineers and academics so that each may gain a better understanding of the others' problems and expectations.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROWN,
DEREK ROBERTS,
The General Electric Company plc,
Hirst Research Centre,
East Lane,
Wembley,
Middlesex.
May 31.

Historicity and Christian orthodoxy

From Professor E. D. A. Hulmes and others

Sir, You have called the difference of opinion between Professor Jenkins and his critics "the clash between conflicting creeds". We wonder if it really amounts to this, on the basis of the evidence produced so far. It is important to know.

As Catholic Christians concerned about the implications of this kind of debate for increasing co-operation among the different churches, we invite Professor Jenkins to respond to the reasonable challenge presented to him by your Religious Affairs Correspondent (May 14). The challenge is by no means a new one, but the passage of time has not dulled its edge.

That there is a substantial and intellectually respectable case for building a Christian orthodoxy upon the Resurrection as an event in history is not in dispute. The question is whether a Christian orthodoxy can be constructed on a denial of the historicity of the Resurrection. There must come a point in the development of doctrine which represents an unacceptable departure into the unknown territory of heresy.

If the Dean of Durham (May 23) is correct in his contribution to the discussion that the differences between the professor and his critics are more apparent than real, any misunderstandings can be speedily removed by the Bishop-designate himself.

At the same time a problem remains. It is the problem of reconciling the traditional beliefs of Christians down the centuries to the present day with the possibility that all of them have been cruelly deceived.

Assuming that Professor Jenkins has been correctly reported, we welcome the concern that he has often expressed for preaching the Gospel of Christ in a way which will commend itself to this generation, but we hope that he may continue to do this by means of affirmation rather than denial.

As so often happens, individuals are often misunderstood in what they intend to say, and this is never more distressing than when the misunderstandings involve Christians. The recent letter (June 6) from the Chaplain of Exeter College contained a quite undeserved criticism of our great-hearted colleague, Gerald Bonner, whose letter (May 26) merits a more profound reply.

Finally, may we quote some lines from Bicknell's *The Thirty-Nine Articles* which emphasise the need for caution in the way of doctrinal innovation. The author writes:

> . . . the fundamental mistake of Modernism is that consciously or unconsciously it starts from an idea of development of doctrine which regards such development as the discovery of new truth. It ignores the primitive conception that the primary function of the Church is that of witness. It ends by producing a Christianity that is outside the range of criticism because it has abandoned nearly everthing that is worth criticizing. It leaves men with a "religious experience" that is an experience of nothing in particular."

Is this what the discussion is really about?

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD D. A. HULMES,
SHERIDAN GILLEY,
ROBERT HAYWARD,
University of Durham,
Department of Theology,
Abbey House,
Palace Green, Durham.
June 6.

Germany then and now

From Mr R. Görner

Sir, Stating the obvious is sometimes a sheer necessity. The author of the leader, "D-Day's absent actors" (June 4) gave a courageous example of this sort in his comment on this year's highly questionable (and in fact controversial) D-Day celebrations.

I would like to thank him for his balanced comment and especially for his remark that West Germany is by no means identical with Hitler's Germany. West Germany's contribution to a new Europe is deeply serious and constructive.

What harm would it have done to invite West German officials to these celebrations? Tradition is only meaningful if it develops itself within and not against time.

I think it is symbolical enough that the second elections to the European Parliament will coincide with the West Germans' "national" Memorial Day on June 17; this is the day on which the East Germans rose against the communist regime in 1953, the very day on which hundreds lost their lives and millions their freedom.

The vast majority in West Germany has learnt how to replace idiosyncratic nationalism by supranational responsibility on behalf of humanity.

RÜDIGER GÖRNER,
5 Lyndhurst Gardens, NW3.
June 5.

From Mr Ronald Gray

Sir, Shame on *The Times* today (leader, June 4). You say that the millions of Soviet citizens who died, who were tortured, who were burned in ovens, who fought, who suffered under German invasion, have less of a case than the Germans who invaded them for being represented at the Normandy celebrations! What an obscene re-writing of history.

It reminds us of the shameful record of *The Times* in its long appeasement of Hitler's rise to power.

Those of us who fought Hitler's armies know the truth of the matter.

RONALD GRAY,
3 The Farm,
Princes Way, SW19.
June 4.

From Lord Airlie and Sir John Colville

Sir, In your otherwise admirable leading article today (June 6) you state that in the desire to confront the German army on the Continent "the British, right up to the day, remained deeply cautious and unconvinced".

On what grounds did you make this remarkable statement?

Your obedient servants,
AIRLIE,
JOHN COLVILLE,
5 Swan Walk, SW3.
June 6.

From the Reverend R. G. Bliss

Sir, I and my brother-in-law share June 9 for our birthday. Forty years ago both of us, out in the Far East, were involved in one of the bitterest and most hard-fought wars the world has ever seen. Far apart, we "celebrated" our joint birthday by the almost-miraculous turn of the tide in the course of those tropical bloodstained battles.

The names Imphal and Kohima are etched upon our minds, as they are upon those of tens of thousands of our fellow countrymen.

Of course, we rejoice in the D-Day celebrations, but we feel a little wistful that our end of the struggle, happening at the same time, should be so little remembered.

Yours sincerely,
RUPERT BLISS,
26B Ellerdale Road,
Hampstead, NW3.
June 6.

Kabul death sentence

From Mr John M. Charap and others

Sir, On May 23, 1984, Dr Mohammed Younis Akbari was sentenced to death in Afghanistan. The sentence has to be confirmed by the Praesidium of the ruling Revolutionary Council, but Dr Akbari has no right of judicial appeal.

Dr Akbari, who was born in 1943 in the Panjshir, Afghanistan, was arrested in Kabul on April 27, 1983, and held incommunicado for almost a year by agents of the KHAD (security police) before being moved to prison, where he was permitted to correspond with his family.

On May 23, 1984, he was tried by a revolutionary court in Kabul on charges of membership of an illegal political organisation and of receiving money from the People's Republic of China in order to buy arms. While Dr Akbari was condemned to death, one other defendant was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

Dr Akbari, who is married and has four children, was a Unesco scholar at Moscow University from 1965 to 1971, where he obtained a D.Phil (doctorate) in nuclear physics. Believed to be Afghanistan's only nuclear physicist, he joined the staff of Kabul University's physics department and then transferred to Jalalabad University's physics department in 1974. It appears that he was suspended from his post in 1979.

We are extremely concerned at the sentence passed on Dr Akbari and would ask that the Afghan Embassy urge Afghanistan's President, Babrak Karmal, and the Praesidium in the strongest possible terms to consider clemency for Dr Akbari.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. CHARAP,
ALFRED DUBS,
SAM EDWARDS,
DAVID ENNALS,
HOME OF THE HIRSEL,
T. W. B. KIBBLE,
ELIZABETH M. WINTER,
Honorary Secretary,
AKBARI Clemency Campaign,
17 The Drive Mansions,
Fulham Road, SW6.
June 4.

Mr Kinnock's company

From Mr Mohammed Arif

Sir, Mr Eden, in his McCarthyite attack on Mr Neil Kinnock (May 11), makes slighting and erroneous remarks about the Friends of Afghanistan Society which Mr Kinnock is supposed to have sponsored. May I correct Mr Eden:

1. Friends of Afghanistan Society is not a "front organisation" but a totally independent organisation whose sole purpose is to support the reforms which are taking place in Afghanistan, such as legislation of trade unions, land reform, literacy drive, steps to improve the status of women, abolition of usury and serfdom, equal rights for minorities and complete religious freedom.

2. Friends of Afghanistan Society was not formed after the so-called "Soviet coup". It was formed in July, 1978. Advertisements appeared in *The Guardian* on October 8 and 12, 1979 (more than a year before the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan).

3. Mr Kinnock was requested to sponsor the organisation. In his letter Mr Kinnock had welcomed the reforms but had not extended the sponsorship to the society. However, his letter was misinterpreted and initially his name was included in the list of sponsors. The mistake was rectified in a press release which we issued on November 29, 1979.

Needless to mention that although Mr Kinnock is not and has never been a sponsor of our organization, nevertheless we value his support for the reforms.

Mr Eden says that one of our sponsors is a member of the British Communist Party. Our society is supported by a large number of trade unionists, academics, students, parliamentarians, and other people belonging to various political parties including Mr Eden's own party – the SDP.

It would have been more appropriate for Mr Eden to get his facts right before rushing to mislead your readers.

Yours faithfully,
MOHAMMED ARIF, Secretary,
Friends of Afghanistan Society,
366 York Road, SW18.
June 1.

Common language of architecture

From Mr Richard Rogers

Sir, Modern architecture is in danger of being obliterated by an indiscriminate wave of nostalgia.

There is a substantial difference between the architects and planners who have contributed to the erosion of our environment, and the work of great modernists such as Kahn, Aalto, Wright, Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe and, in England, Stirling, Foster and Lubetkin, whose architecture includes the use of a diverse range of materials and stylistic expressions.

The recognition of this difference is imperative if we are to identify the problem and propose a solution.

Artistic development has never stood still. Consensus alone has never produced a great work of art, though public understanding and involvement, together with enlightened patronage, has. This does not mean that the majority of the public dislike modern architecture. For example, more people visit the Centre Pompidou than the Louvre and Eiffel Tower combined.

History repeats itself. The same outcry was heard when the architects of the Renaissance broke away from their medieval forefathers and built great free-standing revolutionary buildings amongst the traditional continuous texture of the medieval city.

Today these buildings are considered masterpieces and it is exactly this wonderful juxtaposition reflecting different beliefs which enhances these cities today, for great art of different periods has a common language which bridges time.

A better understanding of history is essential, but uninformed criticism and the romanticising of the past are not the ways to build a better environment for today.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ROGERS,
Richard Rogers & Partners Ltd,
49 Princes Place,
Holland Park, W11.
June 7.

From Mr Paul Jennings

Sir,

If the Fine Art Commission's own chief (June 6)
Thinks that curves are "cosmetic", good grief!
He is writing off men
Like Sir Christopher Wren;
Do *all* architects share this belief?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL JENNINGS,
Hill House,
Rectory Hill,
East Bergholt,
Near Colchester,
Essex.
June 7.

Access for disabled

From the Chairman and Secretary of the All-Party Disablement Group

Sir, Nicholas Timmins says (*The Times* May 22) that the All-Party Disablement Group have warned ministers that they will vote against the amendment to the building regulations on access for disabled people which they had hoped to lay.

The question of access has always been a crucial area of concern to disability organisations and the All-Party Group. The debate has been going on for well over a decade. The Disabled Persons Acts of 1980 and 1981 both require that access for the disabled should be taken into account in public buildings. But the requirements have proved to be unenforceable and it is now felt that the answer lies in an amendment to the building regulations.

It was hoped that this amendment would end the years of waiting for adequate provision to be made for disabled people. Sadly, it has not and there are a number of reasons as to why we will oppose the amendment should it be laid.

The debate hinges on the fact that the proposed amendment will make provision for access at the ground floor only. The reason for this, given by the Department of the Environment, is that they cannot produce regulations on access to all floors until they have a BSI code of practice on means of escape.

Disability organisations do not accept that means of access should be dependent on means of escape. There is no precedent for this and they have always maintained that egress is a question of management, but access one of design.

The proposed amendment does not contradict any of the constructional requirements for egress and, unless it is applied to all floors, buildings will continue to be built with design features that prevent access to those floors.

The regulations would be a retrograde step based on an assumption that disabled people are not given access above the ground floor unless specific egress conditions are applied. The consequential implications are very obviously discriminatory.

Disability organisations feel they have little to lose by not accepting the regulations. Their acceptance would be yet another step in the history of compromise, delay and pussyfooting. This has proved fruitless in the past and they are now saying loud and clear that this must end.

Yours faithfully,
JACK ASHLEY, Chairman,
JOHN HANNAM, Secretary,
All-Party Disablement Group,
House of Commons.
May 22.

Jove's comforter

From Professor Walter Elkan

Sir, Does not the rape of Europa on the new 16p stamps seem a rather curious way to commemorate the forthcoming elections to the European Parliament?

Yours truly,
WALTER ELKAN,
98 Boundary Road, NW8.
June 6.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 8: The Queen, Patron of the South of England Agricultural Society, visited the South of England Show at Ardingly today.

The Queen drove to Eastgate and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk) and the Chairman of the Society (Mr J. Green).

Her Majesty was then received at the Showground by the President of the Society (the Earl of Selborne) and toured the Show.

The Queen, President of the Hackney Horse Society, presented the award for the Hackney Pony Championship and viewed memorabilia of the Society.

Her Majesty later honoured the President of the South of England Agricultural Society with her presence at luncheon.

In the afternoon The Queen made a further tour of the Show and presented Long Service Awards and other trophies.

The Marchioness of Abergavenny, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Mr Robert Fellowes, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Major Pierre Lamontagne were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, presented new Colours to the 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) at Howe Barracks, Canterbury today.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton) and the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General D. T. Crabtree).

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Major the Hon Andrew Wigram, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Royal Air Force College, Cranwell today where Her Royal Highness took The Queen's Review.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Mr Henry Nevile) and the Chief of the Air Staff (Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was escorted to the dias by the Air Officer Commanding and Commandant, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell (Air Vice-Marshal R. Peirse), was received with a Royal Salute, and inspected the Parade.

Her Royal Highness was later entertained at luncheon in the Officers Mess.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Reception at Guildhall given by the Institute of London Underwriters to celebrate their Centenary, at which a new Atlantic 21 Lifeboat was presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Dame Mary Donaldson) and the Chairman of the Institute (Mr D. Town).

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Caithness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Belize and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning opened Stewart House, the School Examinations Department of the University of London.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 8: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning at Kensington Palace received the Lord Warden of the Stannaries (the Lord Franks).

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, received Colonel J. C. Davies, Honorary Colonel the 12/16th Hunter River Lancers, and Mrs Davies.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening attended a Rock Gala in aid of the Trust at the Royal Albert Hall.

Mr David Roycroft and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were in attendance.

June 8: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Own Scottish Borderers', visited the 1st Battalion of the Regiment at Meeanee Barracks, Colchester, Essex, today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 8: The Duchess of Kent today Reviewed the In-Pensioners at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea on Founder's Day.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh is 63 tomorrow.

A memorial service for Mr Peter Wilson is to be held at St George's church, Hanover Square, London, W1, at noon on Wednesday, June 20.

Muddle over Christian initiation

The church is in a muddle over Christian initiation, a term which includes baptism, and, in churches which practise it, confirmation.

Some churches insist that baptism was in the beginning, and should remain, a ceremony for believers. Others claim that in New Testament times whole families were baptised, and that in the case of an infant, the baptismal commitment can properly be made by others on the infant's behalf.

It is likely that in early times the baptism ceremony included, at least in some places, a laying on of hands, signifying the imparting of the Holy Spirit. The Eastern Orthodox churches have kept intact the single ceremony of baptism, confirmation and first communion. In the West, for reasons of history rather than of theology, confirmation became separated from baptism, and in the Middle Ages a ratification of baptismal vows was added to the second ceremony.

But awkward questions arise when the one event is separated from the other. If the Holy Spirit is given in baptism, what additional grace does the Spirit impart in confirmation? If baptism confers membership of the church, should communion be witheld until confirmation has taken place?

It was in an attempt to resolve these issues that baptism was one of the three subjects studied at Lima two years ago by theologians drawn from virtually all the churches, including the Roman Catholic and other churches not members of the World Council of Churches. In their statement, "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry", to which the churches are to respond by the end of the year, they say that if the divided churches are to achieve visible unity, a basic agreement on baptism is one essential prerequisite.

The statement does not resolve the question of believers' baptism versus infant baptism. It asserts that while infant baptism may have been practiced in the apostolic church, baptism on profession of faith is the most clearly attested pattern.

But it seeks to narrow the gap by stressing that in each case the baptised must grow in the understanding of faith; and it holds as examples to others those churches which regard believers' and infant baptism as equivalent alternatives for entry into the church. It calls for the avoidce of any practice which might be intereted as "rebaptism"; it also urges chures practicing infant baptism to guard against baptising indiscriminately.

The gift of the spirit in baptism may, the statement acknowledges, be signified by the laying of hands or in some other way. But churches which interpose a further rite between baptism and admission to communion should ponder whether they have fully appreciated the consequences of baptism; and baptismal vows should be reaffirmed not once only, as at confirmation, but on repeated ocasions.

Each church, therefore, is challenging to review its practice of initiation. But each is challenged first reexamine its theology.

Baptism, the statement says, means participation in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It implies confession of sin and conversion of heart: and as a part of their baptismal experience, the baptised receive a new ethical orientation under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Through baptism, Christians are brought into union with Christ, with each other and with the church of every time and place. So baptism is a bond of unity. It has important implications for Christian unity, constituting a call to the churches to overcome their divisions and to manifest their fellowship. These divisions, moreover, are not to be understood only in denominational terms; wherever churches allow differences of sex, race or social status to divide the body of Christ, the genuine baptismal unity of the church is called into question and its witness seriously compromised.

But baptism, as a sign of the Kingdom of God and with a dynamic which embraces the whole of life, has implications also for social responsibility. These are spelt out in the section of the statement which deals with the Eucharist. Here it is said that every kind of injustice, racism, separation and lack of freedom is radically challenged when Christians share in the body and blood of Christ: and that Christians prove inconsistent if they are not actively participating in the ongoing restoration of the world's situation and the human condition.

A reexamination of the theology of baptism implies, therefore, a reexamination of the nature of the baptismal commitment, and it is when it comes to social responsibilty that the baptismal commitment of the British churches is at its vaguest and therefore its weakest.

In the American Episcopal Church candidates for baptism are asked whether they will "strive for justice, peace and dignity among all men"; there is no corresponding question in the baptismal rite of the Church of England's Alternative Service Book, beyond a general renunciation of evil, and the Revised Catechism, in its paragraphs of baptism, contains no reference to the world or to the Kingdom of God.

The churches are not yet in a position to decide collectively in favour of either believers' or infant baptism as the sole means of entry into the church. The accepting of both as equivalent alternatives represents the only way forward on which there is at present any chance that the churches might unite.

But eventually the question must be faced whether infant baptism can bear the full weight of the theology of baptism and the consequent nature of the baptismal commitment.

John Pilkington
Rector of Farlington, Portsmouth

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Mark Baring, 68; Mr P. G. Beazley, MEP, 62; Mr Tony Britton, 60; Mr Geraint Gruffydd, 56; Sir Edwin Hicks, 74; Mr Robert McNamara, 68; General Sir Rodney Moore, 79; General Sir Geoffrey Musson, 74; Mr S. Gorley Putt, 71; Mr Peter Sanders, 46; Sir Leonard Sinclair, 89; Mr Patrick Steptoe, 71; the Right Rev Dr O. S. Tomkins, 76; Mr Tom Urwin, 72; Colonel J. P. Williams Wynne, 76.

TOMORROW: Mr Leonard Badham, 61; Mr W. G. Barr, 67; Sir Brinsley Ford, 76; Mr Justice Peter Gibson, 50; Mr Graham Carleton Greene, 48; Sir William G. Harris, 72; Sir Arthur Hawkins, 71; Dr Polly Hill, 70; Mr Lionel Jeffries, 58; Mr Simon Jenkins, 41; Mr Frederick Loewe, 83; Mr Robert Maxwell, 61; Canon T. R. Milford, 89; Sir Geoffrey Otton, 57; Mr John Stradling Thomas, MP, 59; Major-General Michael Walsh, 57; the Ven C. Witton-Davies, 71.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

Gift of extracting the best in others

Michael Meyer writes:

To work with Michael Elliott was to embark on a voyage of discovery, a humbling and intensely exciting experience as that driving imagination gradually illuminated unexplored landscape. Elliott combined technical mastery with a brilliant visual sense, the ability to penetrate to the heart of the most resistant text, and the gift of extracting the best from everyone he worked with.

Whether you were an actor, a writer or a stage hand, you knew he would get the best out of you and that neither of you would rest until he had done so. Yet all this was done with the gentleness and courtesy: he made you feel a partner, not a pawn, and that in a small way you were helping to make theatrical history.

Elliott's name is perhaps especially associated with his Ibsen productions, and he had much in common with that author; both possessed a rare combination of austerity, sensuality, poetry, strength of will and integrity. His productions of *Brand*, *Peer Gynt*, *Ghosts* (on television), *When We Dead Awaken* and *The Lady from the Sea* will hardly be equalled. Visual images from those productions, the memory of chained and tormented spirits seeking salvation, remain after 10 and even 25 years.

Yet one remembers equally his productions of the authors. Sophocles, Shakespeare, Strindberg, Chekhov, Synge, Gorki and T. S. Eliot, and of Dostoevsky, George Eliot and Melville in adaptation. His genius was for tragedy, yet his *As You Like It* in 1961 with the young Vanessa Redgrave was as unforgettable as his *Brand*.

If he had a fault as a director, it was that his intense truthfulness made him unwilling to paper the cracks in a flawed play, and this was perhaps why he directed comparatively little contemporary drama, though when a new play did take his fancy, such as *The Dresser*, he did it superbly. The theme of that play must have been close to his heart, for he too regarded himself as the servant of a series of demanding masters, the great dramatists.

For the last eight years of his life, Elliott was on a kidney machine, which in his case meant that he only really slept every second night. Few of his friends were allowed to know this: self-pity was one of the things he despised most.

As a man, he had much in common with George Orwell. Both were more than usually tall, thin almost to the point of emaciation, plagued by persistent ill-health and cut off in their prime (Orwell at 46, Elliott at 52); both combined vision and a shining integrity with much warmth and humour lurking behind a veil of austerity.

MR RICHARD WELLESLEY

O. C. writes:

Dick Wellesley, MC, died at Buckland on April 27 aged 63.

He was the son of Lord George and Lady Wellesley and was born in America. He was the great, great grandson of the first Duke of Wellington. His wartime service was with the Gunners. He ended the war as major and won his MC in the North African campaign outside Tobruk. He was High Sheriff of Berkshire in 1955 and a Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire until his death.

At the end of the war Dick inherited Buckland from his grandmother Lady Fitzgerald. It became his abiding interest. He set an example to others of the way in which a large estate should be administered in changing economic and social circumstances.

He was always concerned with technological progress, but never forgot people and their contribution to all aspects of country life. His interest and support for all the village activities was continuous.

In 1956 he won a Nuffield Scholarship to study agricultural production methods in America. On his return he lectured widely, experimented with a system of zero grazing for a dairy herd and then became a leading practitioner of intensive arable croping which many people copied. He was a great conservationist and increasingly devoted his time to forestry and the cultivation of wildlife habitat. His balanced and sensible approach to land use set an example to his friends and neighbours.

He is greatly missed by a wide circle of friends, by his four children and by his wife, Jill.

DR KUO CHENG WU

Dr Kuo Cheng Wu, who was prominent for some years in Nationalist Chinese politics under General Chaing Kai-shek and was Governor of Taiwan after the Communist victory on the mainland, died at Savannah, Georgia, on June 6. He was 80.

Wu was born in China and educated in the United States, obtaining a doctorate in political science at Princetown University in 1926. He returned to China and became mayor of Hankow from 1932 until the Japanese captured the city in 1938.

He then moved to Chungking which remained in Nationalist hands, and was mayor there through the Second World War.

After the war Wu went to Shanghai to become mayor there in turn, but was forced to flee to Taiwan when the Communists reached Shanghai in 1949. After four years as Governor he became disillusioned with what he regarded as autocratic rule by the island's Nationalists Government, in which he was for a time a minister without portfolio. He left for the United States to take up a career as author, lecturer and teacher and never returned to China or Taiwan.

EARL HOWE

Jacques Loste writes:

Earl Howe's death came as a shock to all those who happened to know him and like him in France.

May I add to your obituary that in June 1931, driving an Alfa Romeo with captain H. R. S. Birkin as team mate he won the 24 Heures du Mans, covering 3017 kilometres. Never before had the 3000 km mark been attained. Earl Howe was rightly considered as the "prototype" of gentlemen drivers.

Sir John MacLeod, who died on June 3 at the age of 71, was National Liberal MP for Ross and Cromarty from 1945 to 1964.

Major-General W. D. E. Brown, CB, CBE, DSO, who died on June 2 at the age of 70, was Deputy Master-General of the Ordnance from 1966 to 1969. He was Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery from 1970 to 1978.

Mr Walter Holroyd Lee, GC, who died on May 24 in Barnsley was a miner who won the Edward Medal, later transferred to George Cross, on November 11, 1947, at Wombwell main colliery, Sheffield. He worked for two hours at great risk to himself to save life after a roof fall at the pit.

Lady Adair, wife of Major-General Sir Allan Adair, GCVO, CB, DSO, MC, died on May 26 at the age of 86.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. A. M. Myles and Miss A. C. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Commander and Mrs T. M. Myles, of Highlandman Station Cottage, Crieff, Perthshire and Catherine, only daughter of Lord and Lady Stewart of 5 Munro Drive, Colinton, Edinburgh.

Mr A. J. Cordel and Miss C. Pardoe
The engagement is announced between Alastair, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Cordel, of Kelston, Bath and Caroline, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Philip Pardoe, of Martyr Worthy, Hampshire.

Mr W. D. E. Mallinson and Miss C. M. Jacobs
The engagment is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Mallinson, of Chiswick, London and Rhodes and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Jacobs, of Cheam, Surrey and Riyadh.

Mr A. J. W. Powers and Miss H. F. Priday
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. A. R. Powers, of Highgate, London and Helen, eldest daughter of the late Dr C. O. M. Priday, and of Mrs C. O. M. Priday, of Buckingham.

Mr M. H. Richardson and Miss J. F. Garfield Bennett
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the late Mr M. Richardson and of Mrs K. Richardson, of 4, Cleveland Road, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands and Joanna only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. P. Garfield Bennett, of 6, Royal Crescent, St. Helier, Jersey.

Mr A. D. Roberts and Miss L. M. Trace
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr S. A. Marshall and Mrs G. V. Griffiths, both of Cambridge and Lysbeth, daughter of the late Commander P. A. Trace, and of Mrs A. F. Trace, of Holland Park, London.

Mr J. Sharratt and Miss Z. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Sharratt, of Westbere, Canterbury and Zoë, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Harrison, of Torquay, Devon.

Mr S. C. Smallwood and Miss A. M. F. Monier-Williams
The engagement is announced between Stephen Coninsby, younger son of the late Mr E. C. Smallwood and of Mrs A. P. Smallwood, of Haslemere, Surrey and Alison, daughter of Dr and Mrs P. Monier-Williams, of North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

Colfe's School

Prince Michael of Kent opened the Beardwood Centre for Arts and Lectures on the occasion of Leathersellers' Visitation Day, June 7. The Master and Wardens of the Leathersellers' Company, the Mayors of Greenwich and Lewisham, the Deputy Lieutenant of Greenwich, the appeal chairman, Sir Alec Page, and the OCA President, Mr G. Sparkes, were present. The Bishop of Tonbridge dedicated the building after the address by the headmaster, Mr V. S. Anthony. The chairman was Sir Kenneth Newton. Michael Davies, school captain, proposed the vote of thanks.

The Colfe Sermon will be given by Rev M. Oram at the founder's service at St Alfege's Church, Greenwich, at 11 am, tomorrow.

Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Sir Kirby Laing and the Master of Emmanuel College announce that the quatercentenary appeal to pay for houses that complete the historic site is progressing so well that the college is also able to consider the other educational initiatives envisaged in the appeal. The college hopes that friends who intend to contribute will make known their intention by June 23, when an announcement will be made at the quatercentenary luncheon for old members.

St John's School, Leatherhead

St John's School, Leatherhead, has awarded the following scholarships:
Major scholarships: M J Cassidy (Downsend, Leatherhead), C M Cornish (Parkside, Stoke D'Abernon and St John's), D F O'Byrne (Cranmore, West Horsley), S M Thorne (Downsend, Leatherhead) and A M Trout (Downsend, Leatherhead).
Exhibitions: J C Brown (Downsend, Leatherhead), R B Farrar (Scaitcliffe, Englefield Green and St John's), P V Patel (Oakley Hall, Cirencester).
Musical exhibitions: C H Moore (Newer Lodge, Dorking and St John's), N Palmer (Church of England Middle School, Isle of Wight), R G Squire (Lanesborough, Guildford).

Marriages

Mr N. P. J. Hannigan and Miss R. Tryggvadóttir
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 26, in Reykjavik, between Mr Nicholas Hannigan, eldest son on Mr and Mrs Peter Hannigan, of London, SW1, and Miss Rán Tryggvadóttir, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tryggvi Sigurbjarnarson, of Reykjavik, Iceland.

Mr Martin Whitlock was best man.

Mr J. Oakes and Mrs O. Bruce
The marriage took place quietly in Suffolk on June 1 between Mr John Oakes and Mrs Olivia Bruce.

Service luncheons

Skinner's Horse
The annual luncheon of the former British Officers of Skinner's Horse (1st Duke of York's Own Cavalry) Indian Army, and their ladies, was held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided and members present included Brigadier John Paley and Mr Stanley Skinner, the great-great-grandson of the founder of the regiment.

King George's Own Central India Horse
The annual luncheon of the Central India Horse Dinner Club was held at Claridge's hotel yesterday. Bridagier C. T. Edward-Collins presided.

Service reception

Lord Newall
Lord Newall was host at the annual reunion of the Indian Cavalry Officers Association held at the House of Lords yesterday.

Treasure of the deep: A late-Ming porcelain vase, salvaged from a wreck in the South China Sea, which is to be on view at the International Ceramics Fair at the Dorchester hotel in London from June 15 to 18 (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Sale room

High prices for grand furniture

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The richest mid-Victorian furniture, the kind made for kings and Great Exhibitions, reached prices that were well beyond expectations at Sotheby's yesterday. A *pietra dura* cabinet on stand by Bernhard Ludwig of Vienna sold for £115,500 (estimate £60,000 to £80,000) to Brisigotti Antiques, a London dealer.

Victorian craftsmen loved historic styles and Ludwig was imitating the Italian seventeenth-century mannerism but making something even more ornate. The cabinet is of architectural design and is supported by gilded mermen, *putti*, waves, shells and garlands of flowers.

It had been sent for sale by Ludwig's granddaughter. According to tradition, three cabinets of that design were made in about 1880, the other two being given to the King of Romania. They are now in Schloss Sinair.

Two cabinets made in Italy earlier in the century with similar exoticism were also fiercely competed for. An ivory-inlaid hardstone and *pietra paesina* side-cabinet, also of architectural form, made £55,000 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) to Brigigotti. It was made by Ferdinando Poglianoof Milan and dates from about 1860.

The sale of nineteenth-century furniture proved popular totalling £446,237 with 10 per cent unsold.

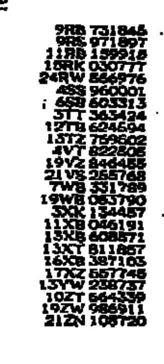
At Christie's a good sale of modern British paintings saw selective bidding with quite a number of lots left unsold. The very high prices paid for works by Munnings in the spring were not repeated and several important paintings were unsold.

However, one of his early works, a group of ponies "Crossing the Costessy Ford on the Waveney", made the top price of the day at £45,360 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000).

In New York on Thursday Sotheby's big summer sale of Old Master paintings proved something of a disaster with 59 per cent left unsold making a total of £1,304,875.

£5,000 bond winners

This month's £5,000 Premium Bond winners are:



7AF 652138	9RB 731848
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Luncheons

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill were hosts at a luncheon in Speaker's House yesterday in honour of the 19th King George V's Own Lancers Association. Brigadier J Woodroffe, accompanied by Mrs Woodroffe, presided. Those present were:
Mr and Mrs E Bevington, Major and Mrs T Brayne, Major and Mrs P Brooke, Mrs L Buchanan, Mrs K Buchner, Mr K G Buffery, Lieutenant-Colonel G Bull, Miss M Bull, Miss M Carr, Mr L Curzon, Mrs C Dening, Captain R Dening, Major and Mrs R Dening, Major and Mrs F V Ellvers, Lord Ferrier, Mrs E Gordon-Howell, Major and Mrs W Grieve, Mr and Mrs N Howie, Major and Mrs P Jones, Mr C Keighley, Mrs G Keighley, Captain A Merrian, Major R Monck-Mason, Major and Mrs D Page, Captain and Mrs D Parry-Crooke, Mrs J Pocock, Mrs F Procope, Lieutenant-Colonel D Reynolds, Major and Mrs W Sarapio, Brigadier R Sasson, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R Satterthwaite, Mr D Spencer, Mrs L Spencer, Major and Mrs J Steward, Major and Mrs R Wigram, Mrs P Wilkinson and Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E Wright.

Reuters
Reuters Holdings PLC annual luncheon took place at Merchant Taylors' Hall yesterday. The hosts were the chairman, Sir Denis Hamilton, and the directors, Mr Donald B Anderson, Mr J. A. Burnet (alternate director), Mr James Evans, Mr P W Gibbings, Mr Pehr G Gyllenhammar, Mr C A Hogg, Mr Ian Irvine, Mr N L Judah, Mr M E Nelson, Mr Glen Renfrew, Mr Ross Sayers (alternate director), Mr Lyle Turnbull, and Mr R J Winfrey. The guests included:
Reuter trustees: Mr Kingman Brewster, Mr S G G Clarke, Mr C N D Cole, Mr John Freeman, Lord Hartwell, Mr J G S Linacre, Mr K Morgan, Lord McGregor of Durris, Sir Keith Macpherson, Viscount Rothermere, Mr R F Smith, Mr Clive Thornton and Mr J S Wallwork.
The Earl of Airlie, Mr A J Alt, Mr R E Amstad, Mr D Anderson, Mr J F Astbury, Mr Fernand Auberjonois, Mr Ali Bahaijoub, Mr St Clair Balfour, Mr Robert Beale, Mr Christopher Beeston-Hird, Mr Myron Belkind, Mr John A Bennet, Mr L T Berkowitz, Sir Kenneth Berrill, Lord Boardman, Mr J R S Bose, Mr A J Booth, Mr Alan Brooker, Mr G C Brunton, Sir Jon Burgess, Mr A D Campbell, Mr Lee Casey, Mr George Caffries, Mr Christopher Chataway, Mr David Chipp, Mr John Cholmeley, Mr Peter Cole, Mr Charles Coles, Mr Gordon Cowan, Mr P J David, Mr Jeremy Deedes, Mr William Deedes, Mr Ian Dick, Mr H R Dickinson, Mr J E C Dicks, Mr F Dolling, Mr P K Dwaah, Mr B Edgeley, Mr Joseph Finklestone, Mr D Fishburn, Mr M Ford, Mr Mark Fox-Andrews, Mr H J France, Mr Ian J Fraser, Mr George Fugelsang, Mr K Fujimoto, Mr Staffan Gadd, Mr S Campell, Mr Alfred Geiringer.
Mr John Gerard, Mr K-H Grafe, Mr P A Graham, Dr G Granzotto, Mr Robert Haldane, Mr D St C Harcourt, Mr Roger Harrison, Mr A Helman, Mr Nicholas Herbert, Mr A C Hugh Smith, Mr Y Inoue, Mr Tadeusz Jacewicz, Mr G W Jenkins, Mr Michael Jenkins, Mr B Christian Jenssen, Sir Peter Lane, Mr Francis Lara, Mr John LePage, Mr Colin Lever, Mr Jacques Lion, Mr Dennis Longwell, Air Chief Marshall Sir Douglas Lowe, Mr David Mayhew, Mr Anthony Miles, Mr D Mitchem, Mr M Molloy, Prebendary Dewi Morgan, Mr T D Morris, Mr Alastair Morton, Mr M J Murphy, Mr John McColloch, Mr Dugal Nisbet-Smith, Mr T C Norris, Mr Richard O'Regan, Mr Fabian Ortiz, Mr I G Park, Sir Edward Pickering, Lieutenant-Colonel T Peirce-Goulding, Mr David R W Potter.
Mr Brian Quinn, Lord Remnant, Dr Hugh Richards, Mr Michael Richardson, Mr John Robertson, Lord Roll of Ipsden, Mr S D L Ross, Mr Evelyn de Rothschild, Mr Derek Round, Mr P A S Rucker, Mr C K Rushton, Mr M G R Sandberg, Mr David Scholey, Mr D G Scotchbrook, Mr Cliff Scott, Mr M Seibel, Mr Eric Sharp, Mr Christopher Sheridan, Mr R M Shields, Mr R Simmons, Mr Peter Stephens, Mr P R Stevens, Mr Richard Stott, Mr R L Thomas, Mr J W M Thompson, Mr Cal Thornton, Mr Clive Thornton, Dr Peter Troughton, Mr R E R Tyrrell, Mr R Vaita, Mr N M Vere-Hodge, Mr Jack Vlviers, Dr Michael von Clemm, Dr Wolfgang Vysiozil, Mr T Welsh, Mr R K Westmacott, Mr Stephen Westpfel, Mr D A Whiting, Mr R J J Wickham, Mr Robin Woodhead, Mr M R De A Woolicombe, Mr I H N Yates, and Reuters Executive Committee and senior staff members.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner at the National Portrait Gallery yesterday evening on the occasion of the London Economic Summit 1984. The guests were:
Mr Ronald Reagan, M François Mitterrand, Mr Pierre Trudeau, Dr Helmut Kohl, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Signor Bettino Craxi, and Mr Gaston Thorn.

Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
The President of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Mr David Allen, and Mrs Allen were hosts to members and guests at the annual dinner and dance of the institute held at the London Hilton yesterday evening.

Latest wills

Mr Robert Thomas **Laughton**, of Scarborough, hotelier and art collector, brother of Charles Laughton the actor, left estate valued at £1,403,616 net.

Evyleen **Lawrence**, of Worthing, left £279,627 net. She left all her property for charitable purposes to be decided by her executor.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):
Nicholson, Mr Arthur Wilfred, of Axminister........£298,203
Rowson, Mr Christopher....£179,166
Sisman, Mr Gilbert Arthur, of Isham, Northampton........£227,347

Science report

Ozone emerges as new peril

By Tony Samstag

The Swedes, who in 1972 first alerted the rest of the world to the menace of acid rain, have been turning their attention to a new and not dissimilar atmospheric peril: ozone.

For some years scientists have feared that the introduction of certain substances into the atmosphere – particularly the halogenated hydrocarbons, or chloro-fluoro-carbons, used as spray propellants – could decrease the concentration of ozone in the stratosphere with a consequent increase in damaging ultraviolet radiation from sunlight.

Epidemics of skin cancers and severe climatic changes were two of the projected catastrophes that were thought likely to result from a decrease in ozone.

In the absence of any substantive evidence to support those theories, however, the same scientists are now pondering the destructive effects of *increased* ozone, only this time in the lower levels of the atmosphere. The burning of fossil fuels creates ozone in much the same way as it contributes to acid rain, via the emission of oxides and volatile hydrocarbons. There is even a school of thought that considers that each exacerbates the effects of the other, as for example in the destruction of the German forests.

Locally high ozone concentrations are known to be corrosive and to damage buildings, crops and human health. The worst photochemical smogs are likely to produce the highest ozone readings; but Scandinavian studies have shown that climatic patterns tend to move concentrations of ozone from one country to another in much the same way as acidifying emissions.

Increased ozone levels in the troposphere are already thought to have raised the average temperature in the Northern Hemisphere by .2°C. Were quantities of ozone to double, surface temperatures could rise by nearly 1°C.

It is arguable that changes in ozone concentrations at different levels might compensate for each other: a decrease in the stratosphere complemented by an increase nearer ground level. Most scientists are sceptical, however, of such a neat solution.

Calls for controls on emissions of ozone, or emissions that might aggravate ozone formation, are remarkably similar to arguments that have become familiar in discussions of acid rain. It is just possible that control of either problem would carry with it the solution to the other.

Source: *Ambio*, a journal of the human environment, vol 13, No 2 published for Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences by Pergamon Press, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford OX3 OBW.

Service dinners

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
The Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held a dinner in HMS Excellent, Whale Island, last night to mark the Queen's birthday and to commemorate Naval Gunfire Support of the Normandy landings in June, 1944. Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi presided and Dr Neil Cossons was the guest of honour.

US Naval Forces Europe
United States Naval officers in London held a dinner at the Naval and Military Club last night in honour of Rear-Admiral William C. Neel, Chief of Staff for US naval Forces Europe, Captain Allen Smith, III, Deputy Chief of Staff Support/Logistics, and Captain James M. Alderson, Assistant Chief of Staff Logistics Readiness, who are retiring.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

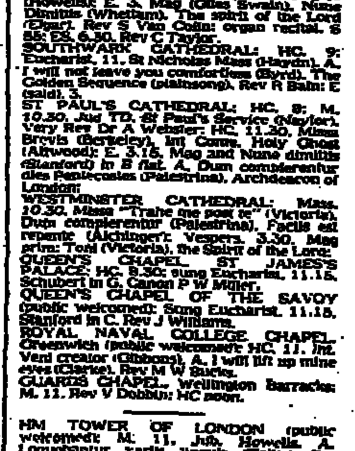
Mr A. M. Morison, QC, to be chairman of the Performing Right Tribunal from June 1, in succession to Mr Leonard Bromley, QC.

Mr A. S. Macarthur to be a joint county court registrar and joint district registrar of the High Court for the Nottingham group of courts from August 6.

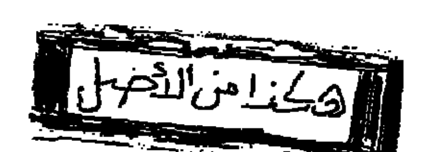
Services tomorrow: Whit Sunday

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Vaughan Williams in G, Dum Complerentur (Palestrina), the Dean; procession and Sung Eucharist, 11.40, Collegium Regale (Howells); E, 3, Mag (Giles Swain), Nunc Dimittis (Whettam), The spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev S Van Culin; organ recital, 5.45; ES, 6.30, Rev C Taylor.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9; Eucharist, 11, St Nicholas Mass (Haydn). A, I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd), The Golden Sequence (plainsong), Rev R Bain; E (said), 3.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Jub TD, St Paul's Service (Naylor), Very Rev Dr A Webster; HC, 11.30, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Int Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood); E, 3.15, Mag and Nunc dimittis (Stanford) in B flat, A, Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina), Archdeacon of London.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Mass, 10.30, Missa "Trahe me post te" (Victoria), Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Factus est repente (Aichinger); Vespers, 3.30, Mag primi Toni (Victoria), the Spirit of the Lord.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL ST JAMES'S PALACE: HC, 8.30; sung Eucharist, 11.15, Schubert in G, Canon P W Miller.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15, Stanford in C, Rev J Williams.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 11, Int Veni creator (Gibbons), A, I will lift up mine eyes (Clarke), Rev M W Bucks.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M, 11, Rev V Dobbin; HC noon.

HM TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed): M, 11, Jub, Howells, A, Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), the Chaplain; HC.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 9.30; MP, 11 (attended by RAF Lodge), Rev D. Hesketh; HC, 12.15.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: HC, 8.30; M, 11, Vaughan Williams in G, Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Canon M. Moore; HC, 12.15; E, 3.30, If ye love me (Tallis), Harwood in A flat, Come Holy Ghost (Thorpe Davie).
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M Beeth.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: HC, 9.30; 11, (World Vision Sunday), Rev J Stott; Church Family Communion, 6.30, (World Vision Sunday), Rev C Chapman.



ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15; M, 10.20; Procession and HM, 11, Missa Brevis in C (Spatzenmesse K259) (Mozart), the Vicar; Solemn E, sermon and benediction, 6, Blair in B minor. Rev J S W Young.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH: HC, noon; children service, 10, 11, Rev J H L Cross; 6, Rev C E L Thomson.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; sung Eucharist, 11 [illegible]



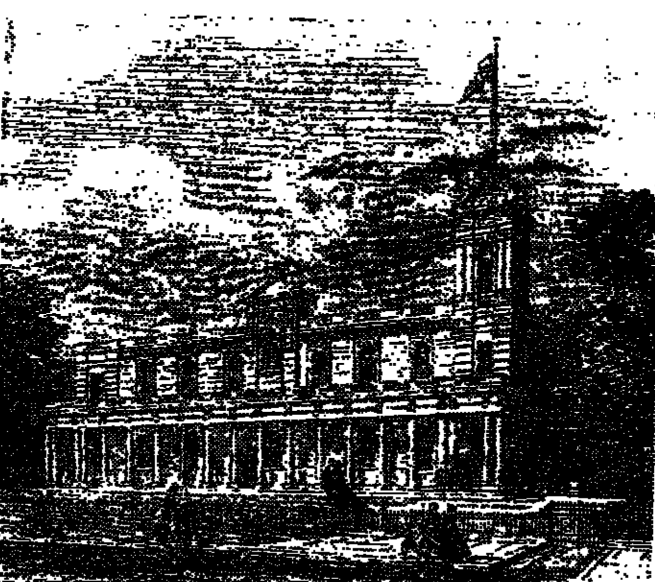
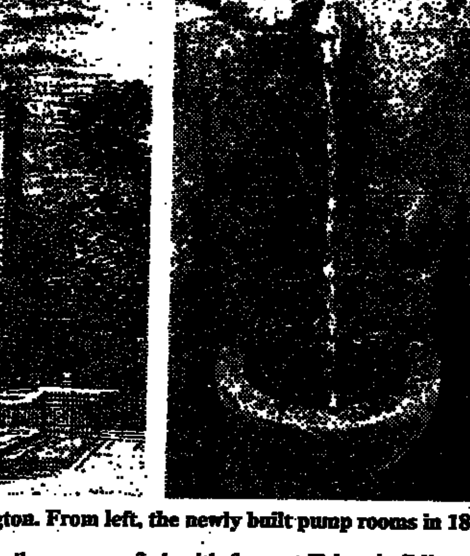
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9-15 JUNE 1984 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

Spas were once seen as effective sources of salvation by those who were seeking an antidote to gluttony. Their popularity waned but, as **Alan Hamilton** reports, the medical establishment has become less sceptical and vigorous efforts are being made to restore them to health

Lucky dips

Pictures by Roy Peters



Taking the waters: The lure of Leamington. From left, the newly built pump rooms in 1863, a statue in the promenade, a public point for spa water, tea-time in the modern restaurant, and exercise in the pool under the supervision of the physiotherapist

The fountain in the pump room was dry, on account of some impending rearrangement of the plumbing, so the superintendent physiotherapist obligingly dispatched an assistant to an unprepossessing tap on the pavement outside to fill a plastic bottle with Leamington Spa water.

"Try it if you must", she ventured warily, "though I assure you you won't like it". This proved entirely correct, indeed a cautious understatement. The absence of bouquet and relative clarity deceive you into thinking that what you are about to swallow is, at worst, tasteless. Not so: Leamington Spa water has all the delicacy and subtle refinement of dilute sea water, and chemical analysis confirms that that is just about what it is.

We have, on the whole, outgrown the castor-oil age when we believed that, if it was nasty, it must be good for you. "A mild laxative, at best", said the physiotherapist. The quacks and charlatans who first established the spas, and Beau Nash and his ilk who subsequently dandified them with elegant architecture and high-class whores, knew well enough how to prey on the people's desire (in the days before the F-Plan Diet) for a purge to cleanse them of the wages of gluttony.

Frankly, the waters of most of our spas are more likely to be beneficial if, instead of being drunk, they are sat in. Miss Golland, the physiotherapist, led me behind the pump-room through tiled and marbled halls, past crisp-linened couches, hoses for Vichy douches, pools, showers, and a redundant Turkish bath now serving as the masseurs' mess-room, to a row of steaming, bubbling, iron cauldrons each containing a lobster-hued human just coming to the boil.

"Vortex baths", she explained. Smart people now instal them in their bathrooms and call them jacuzzis.

Tell it not in Bath, but for some treatments they use ordinary tap water; the spa water furs up the pipes. Miss Golland is defensive: "They have been using the spa water for 200 years. Who are we to say that it does not have curative properties of its own? Miss Golland is no quack, but a pukka paramedic with many letters after her name.

There have, at various times, been at least 100 spas in Britain. Now there are only 11 and it is significant that the British Spas Federation, founded by a group of eminent medical men in the 1920s when a spa cure consisted of being wrapped in towels soaked in cold Malvern water and made to run up and down a hill, has recently roused itself from moribundity as a tourist promotion body.

It was the withdrawal of National Health Service patronage that finished most of them off in their traditional therapeutic roles. A hospital in Buxton still has spa water piped into its hydrotherapy department; but Leamington is the only remaining spa to offer NHS treatment in its original pump-room, with 60,000 individual treatments carried out every year.

Sufferers from all manner of locomotor disabilities, whether the arthritis and rheumatism of old age, or the lingering after-effects of road accidents, find their aches soothed by the warmth and buoyancy of water. The best of all, they used to say, were the brine baths of Droitwich – the saltiest water west of the Dead Sea – where vast ladies once bobbed on their backs like basking hippos while a waiter floated a tea-tray towards them, unsinkable on water that was 28 per cent saline.

Droitwich baths closed in 1975, but are soon to rise again, rebuilt as part of a 36-bed private hospital funded by Grand Metropolitan Hotels. The local authority is angling for a slice of the action, well aware that a Dead Sea within half-an-hour of Birmingham is the sort of thing that will pack in the novelty-seeking day trippers.

Bath is moving the same way, with a consortium that includes the proprietors of Champneys health farm at Tring, building a health club as part of a development around one of the city's spa baths, confident that the scare of the amoeba in the Bath water has been forgotten. A new and purer well has been drilled.

Tourists are drawn by the left-over shadow of gentility

Harrogate still has its Turkish baths, grand for steaming the dirt out of the pores but as useless for losing weight as their latterday equivalent, the sauna. Llandrindod Wells has worked hard to refurbish its Victorian atmosphere, and now serves its selection of saline, chalybeate and sulphur waters in a smart saloon from real ale-style handpumps. Tunbridge Wells has plans for a £1m health and leisure centre; and Malvern has Schweppes, an arts festival, and an ancient couplet:

"The Malvern water, says Dr John Wall,
Is famed for containing just nothing at all."

Strathpeffer, near Dingwall, where the sparkling Highland air will bring more glow of health than the waters from its tiny pump room, has faded somewhat since the days when the Strathpeffer Spa Express ran through from Euston; the travel brochures are reduced to describing the tartan stair-carpet in the hotel. Cheltenham has spies, schoolgirls and gorgeous buildings to help it live down the epitaph on a Gloucestershire tombstone:

"Here lies I and my three daughters,
Died from drinking the Cheltenham waters.
If we had stuck to Epsom salts,
We shouldn't be lying in these cold vaults."

Britain's leading spa enthusiasts are Lord and Lady Spencer, who donate some of the royalties from their books to preserving the wrought ironwork on the balconied villas of Cheltenham and Leamington.

Mr Ken Jennings, town clerk of Droitwich and secretary of the British Spas Federation, admits that – these days – the tourist attraction of spas is in their left-over shadow of gentility.

But they could have a future, if money is spent to uplift such facilities as are left from the starkly medicinal to that fine balance between preventive medicine and narcissism known as the health farm. Miss Golland would like to throw her Leamington pump room doors open to all comers, offering a menu of invigorating treatments, in the manner of continental spas. A bit of money, she admits, would have to be spent on the place first, to attract a population that is not only growing steadily more elderly, but is increasingly conscious about its health.

In the meantime, however, the best antidote to the noxious aftertaste of Leamington Spa water involves nipping 200 yards down the street to the Regent Hotel, and sinking a large whisky and Malvern.

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Buoyant spirits: A devotee floats in the renowned water at Droitwich, the elegant Beau Nash, and bathing at Bath, 1807

SPA GUIDE

BATH: Spa water was withdrawn by the city council after a health scare but should be available again, in the Pump Room, next year. The council is collaborating with a private consortium on a new international spa. Roman Baths, one of the finest Roman remains in Britain; Bath Abbey, started 1499; magnificent eighteenth-century architecture in local honey-coloured stone. Arts festival, May-June (0225 61111).

BUXTON: Spa water can be quaffed from a drinking fountain at the side of the former pump room, now the Micrarium, and is used for hydrotherapy at the Royal Devonshire Hospital. Town largely created by the Duke of Devonshire in the early nineteenth century. Annual festival of opera, plays, concerts and revues, July-August (0298 2061).

CHELTENHAM: Spa water from the well under the Pittville Pump Room, just outside the town centre, and also available at the Town Hall. No hydrotherapy. Regency architecture and outstanding parks and gardens. International music festival, July; cricket festival, August; literature festival, October (0242 521621).

DROITWICH: Visitors do not drink the waters, as at other spa towns, but obtain their therapy by floating in the famous Droitwich brine: the brine baths are due to re-open next year after a gap of ten years. Open-air bathing in brine diluted to the strength of sea water at Droitwich Lido. Chateau Impney (1876), now a hotel and conference centre, with French gardens (0905 775155).

HARROGATE: Sulphur spa water can be tasted in the Royal Pump Museum, in the basement of which is the original well head. No hydrotherapy. In the Royal Baths Assembly Rooms are traditional Turkish baths, dating from 1897, and open to the public seven days a week. Prize winning floral displays and the Stray, a 200-acre horseshoe of lawns. Great Yorkshire Show, July; Harrogate Festival, August; Northern Antiques Fair, September (0423 68051).

LEAMINGTON SPA: The Pump Room, with its Tuscan colonnade, opened in 1814: it offers free spa water, while at the rear 60,000 treatments take place each year. Italianate lodges, Greek Doric porches and Regency facades; Jephson Gardens with lake, fountains, flowers, rare shrubs and trees (0926 27072).

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: The mid-nineteenth-century Pump Room has recently been restored and visitors can once more take the waters while outside there is a free chalybeate spring. No hydrotherapy. Attractive 14-acre lake, with boating and fishing minutes from the town centre. Victorian Festival, September (0597 2600).

MALVERN: Malvern Water has been bottled and sold since 1622 and the town became a bustling health resort during the Victorian era with the importation of hydrotherapy techniques from Europe. There are still several springs and wells to visit. Priory Church, with fine early stained glass, and the rolling hills that inspired Edward Elgar. Malvern Festival, May-June; Three Counties Agricultural Show, June (06845 66266).

STRATHPEFFER: Spa water is available from the pink sandstone Pump Room of this small town in the Scottish Highlands which was laid out as a Victorian village by Anne, Duchess of Sutherland. A centre for touring the Highlands. Victorian Week, June (0463 232034).

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Mrs Billyard, the official dipper, dispenses the iron-rich spa water in the Pantiles on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, and all day Saturday and Sunday. No hydrotherapy. The Pantiles, dating from the 1630s, is the country's oldest covered shopping precinct; exceptional baroque plasterwork in the Church of King Charles the Martyr; Regency and Victorian buildings. Festival June-July (0892 26121).

WOODHALL SPA: Mineral water was discovered by accident when a shaft was sunk for coal early in the nineteenth century but the waters are no longer available and hydrotherapy treatment has also finished. Pleasant Lincolnshire town, with a strong Victorian flavour, noted for its golf course. Agricultural show, spring bank holiday (0526 52448).

According to reliable sources . . .

"We guarantee you perfect health; you will have no more shattered nerves. We guarantee you to lose five pounds with only one bath, but what we extract from you is only the poison in the body, as our bodies are nearly all water. Our object is to remove all the poisoning from the body and get one in a perfect condition – and the figure to the correct weight. We guarantee to do all we promise in this advertisement."

That was in a Sunday newspaper in September, 1933. The promising premises were in Palace Gate, Kensington, and the treatments on offer included: "Foam Baths, Vichy Baths, Scotch Douche Baths, Electric Baths, Brine Baths, Aeration Baths, Radiant Heat, and all forms of gymnastics to get the body perfectly supple."

Fifty years later, few people would believe a word of it. In the 1930s, the Ministry of Health, as it was then, ran a scheme in which patients could "take the waters" in Britain's spas in the off-season months for fourpence or fivepence a week. But as medical knowledge and healthy scepticism expanded, the credibility of spa waters has ebbed. Today those waters, studied from a scientific point of view, are considered – well, murky.

Surprisingly, however, spas and their associated mud baths and treatments are currently being favourably reappraised. In a remarkable report, published quietly in April, a working group of the World Health Organisation recommends a much more searching evaluation of their therapeutic values.

Balneotherapy – the term used in the report to describe all spa water and mud treatments – "should be considered as an alternative to some forms of medicine", it said. "It may not only be an alternative to high technology medicine, and particularly to certain drug therapies, but could contribute to a reduction in hospital costs in certain specific conditions, such as cardiovascular disease and locomotor disorders."

Deterioration associated with such disorders as rheumatoid conditions and degenerative diseases "seems to be delayed by the use of balneotherapy".

The report admitted that research on the therapeutic values of balneotherapy is inadequate and that much more research is required. It recommended that evaluative studies should be set up.

Dr Glyn Thomas of Axbridge, Somerset, rapporteur to the WHO group which presented the report, says: "Balneotherapy may well have an effective role to play in the maintenance of health, in the reduction of certain disabilities in later life, and even in the prevention of ill health."

Medical experts, however, are reluctant to give spa treatments more than polite attention. "Heat treatments will certainly give relief to some sufferers from arthritis, rheumatism and related conditions", one rheumatologist says. "But they will never *cure* them. The notion that slapping volcanic mud all over your body or breathing in sulphur is going to radically improve your health is just nonsense."

Nonsense or not, the benefits are taken seriously in many European countries. The WHO group's report was presented in Abano Terme, a spa town some 30 miles from Venice, where mud treatments and related therapies are offered by dozens of hotels-cum-clinics.

They are snapped up by "clients", rather than patients. Visitors to the town tend to be wealthy, and principally German or Swiss. The Abano Terme mud, washed up from underground rivers which stem from the Dolomites, is said to be rich in radioactivity, vegetal and animal organisms, and is "matured" in vast, malodourous containers.

"It is clear that there has been a revival of balneotherapy in several European countries", the WHO group report noted. "Yet in the United Kingdom, it does not come under the National Health Service as a form of treatment." And as hospitals close or restrict their services and health authorities struggle with slashed budgets, it seems unlikely that the NHS will embrace it in the foreseeable future. Spas are going to remain a private choice.

Thomson Prentice

Marie Lloyd

In our music hall feature of May 19 the picture said to be of Marie Lloyd was of another artiste, Marie Loftus.

U.K. HOLIDAYS

Bait for the slippery customers

TRAVEL NEWS

Prices of 1984-85 wintersports holidays have been held down by the two main operators which launched their programmes this week. Thomson Holidays, which is now the market leader in wintersports, says its prices are up by only 4 per cent on average compared with last winter while Inghams says prices are "generally similar to, or better than" 1983-84.

Both operators believe that last winter, skiers were deterred by hefty price increases resulting from the hardening of the Austrian schilling. They are optimistic that traffic will revive this year.

Thomson will be offering 50,000 wintersports holidays in 1984-85, with prices starting at £92 for seven nights' self-catering in the French Pyrenees. But clients who are prepared to drive to their chosen resort and arrange their own ferry transport can pay as little as £19 for a week's self-catering at St Lary in the Pyrenees.

Inghams has averaged its prices so that customers taking charter flights from provincial airports will not have to pay a flight supplement and scheduled flights from Heathrow will carry a surcharge of only £10.

The company is also offering a discount of 5 per cent to holidaymakers who book before August 18 and pay in full within two weeks of the invoice date.

Thomson has given a blanket guarantee against surcharges: Inghams reserves the right to surcharge by a maximum of £5 per person if aviation fuel prices go up by more than 10 per cent on the rates applicable on March 6 this year.

Hotting up

A price war seems to be brewing on 1984-85 winter-sun holidays, even though only two of the major operators, Thomson and Horizon, have so far launched their programmes.

British Airways' Enterprise tour-operating subsidiary has issued an advance winter programme of 30,000 holidays at last winter's prices. Customers who book from this brochure will be able to change their minds and buy an alternative holiday from the main brochure when it is published in August without having to pay an amendment fee. They will also receive a refund if the price of their holiday is reduced in the main brochure.

Yes to Yugoslavia

A boom in summer holidays to Yugoslavia, with bookings up by 25 per cent on last year, has been reported by Thomas Cook. The country is proving popular because it offers economic family holidays and "something different", the company says. Spain remains the top overseas destination for British holidaymakers, but Greece is said to be enjoying a late-booking boom while Portugal's Algarve is becoming "increasingly fashionable". Holiday packages to the United States have lost ground but bookings for independent flydrive holidays are running 25 per cent ahead of last year.

Fun and games

The big influx of visitors for the Olympic Games means that hotel rooms in California this summer will be at a premium, both in terms of price and availability, but anyone on a budget will find a good selection of European-style bed-and-breakfast accommodation in private homes. Details, including guaranteed rates from $20 to $75 per night, are listed in *Bed & Breakfast Homes Directory*, available from Knighttime Publications, PO Box 591, Cupertino, CA 95014, USA, at $7.95 plus $2 postage, payable by international money order.

Berlin break

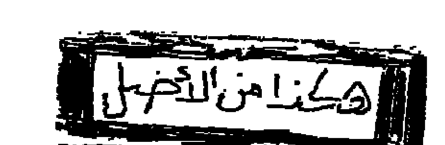
Berlin is included for the first time in the American Express "Take-a-Break" programme of weekend trips to the Continent. Excursions can be taken through the Wall to East Berlin and Potsdam and the price for a two-night tour, staying in a three-star hotel, starts at £165. Information from travel agents or from American Express on 01-631 4464.

A taste of Ireland

A free booklet from the Irish Tourist Board lists 360 restaurants and hotels which offer a "Tourist Menu" with a three-course meal costing either IR£4.65 or IR£6.40. The booklet can be obtained from local offices of the Irish Tourist Board in London, Birmingham, Manchester or Glasgow.

Philip Ray

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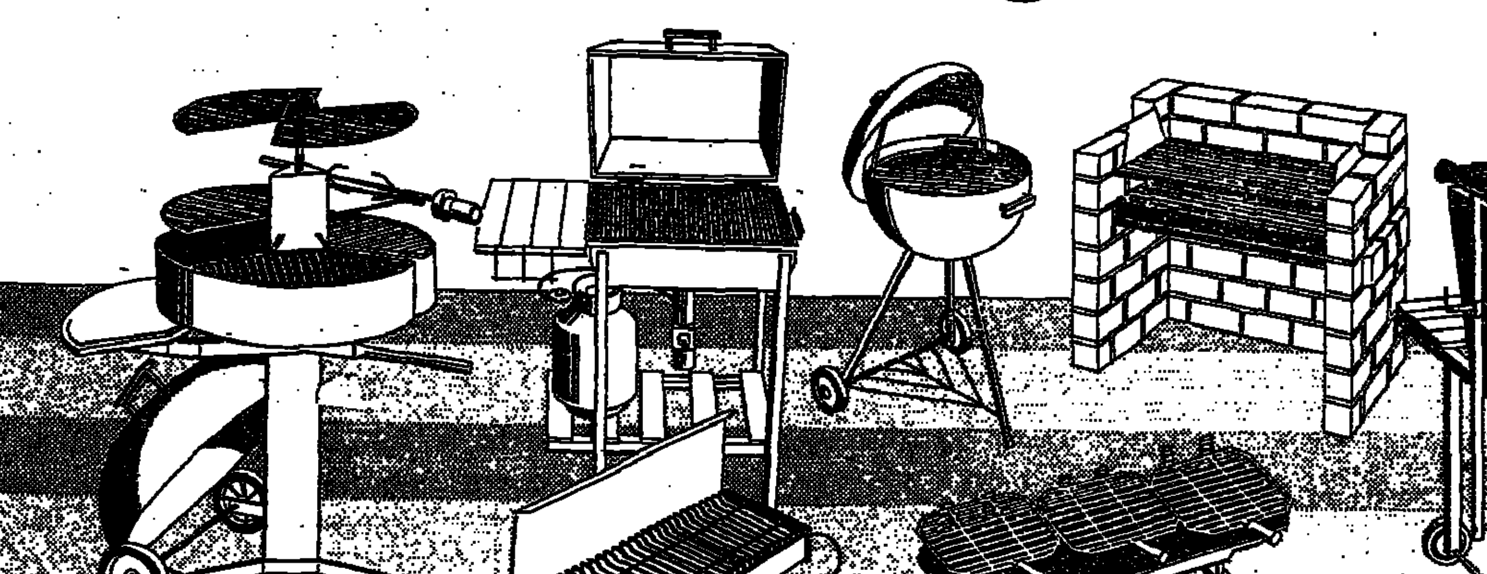


Beryl Downing on barbecues

VALUES

The burning issues facing Britain's summer chefs

Drawing by Geoff Sims



Eating out in style (back row from left): Living Flair modular barbecue built up from three separate sections at £14.95, £32.95 and £34.95 at Sainsbury Homebase stores. Zenith's Junior Gas Gourmet with wooden serving shelf and mobile cart to stow the gas bottle and accessories has a grill area 29¼ x 13¾ x 19¼in, £139 at John Lewis and branches. Wheeled kettle barbecue by Leisureking comes in various sizes and qualities – the 22½ grill version shown includes wooden serving board (not shown). £99.95 at Sainsbury Homebase- DIY Build-In barbecue kit by Leisureking includes charcoal hearth, side panels and grill (no bricks), £14.99 at Sainsbury Homebase (windshield, chrome-plated handles and rotary spit also available). Kook-Out oblong barbecue has an adjustable fire dampener on the deep trough, a foot-operated grill elevator and flip-over grills to turn all the food at once – one of the twin grills can be used alone for small quantities – by Living Flair £99.95 at major Tesco superstores and garden centres. Foreground: Redring 2kw electric barbecue has a dual height grill and lid which acts as a wind shield, 25 x 11½ x 5¼in (approx), £89.95; triple hibachi £17.50, both by Odell at the Gas Log Fire Emporium, 141 George Street, London W1. All are British barbecues.

A barbecue is not so much a way of cooking, more a state of mind. To the uninitiated, there is no other reason why an otherwise sane cook should abandon a well-equipped, weatherproof kitchen and take on the role of a pyromanic boy scout, producing burned but still raw food much in the manner of Iron Age man.

The errors of this attitude were made clear to me this week by Jim Marks, doyen of British barbecueing, whose comprehensive book on the subject, *Barbecues* (Penguin £1.95), has just been updated and reissued in response to a sudden barbecue boom.

Good weather at Easter and the promise of more to come may be responsible for early sales this year (one manufacturer told me he needed publicity "like a hole in the head"). So if you are thinking of buying a barbecue, now is the time to shop around.

Even if it rains all summer, barbecue enthusiasts will be undeterred. According to Jim Marks it is still a "good giggle" to watch the undaunted cook wrestling with a chop under an umbrella while you are tapping his cartons of Australian red wine on the draught-proof side of his sliding patio doors.

"When I started barbecueing 18 years ago it was all very dependent on the weather", he says. "Sales really took off during the hot summers of 1975 and 1976, but it wasn't until the Queen's jubilee celebrations and the royal wedding, when lots of people had barbecues, that the marvellous atmosphere created helped to emphasize the fun element. Since then they have become popular as big fund-raising events as well as small family parties.

"It is a universal and classless activity that everyone can enjoy at any age. It may be male-dominated, but women who want to share the chores should bless the day it became a cult with men."

Certainly most of the advertising is angled at men, showing them as superchefs triumphantly ruling the embers with long-handled tongs, and 73 per cent of decisions to buy a barbecue are made by men. There is also clearly something macho about braving the elements, for research shows that a third of all barbecue owners get the home fires burning two or three times a week most of the year and 10 per cent of them are still sending up smoke signals in the depths of winter.

Sales of barbecues have grown since 1975 from 40,000 to 400,000 a year. This year they are expected to top 500,000. Most people start with the basic hibachi – not a brand name but the Japanese name for a fire-bowl. They are simple charcoal containers with lift-off grill plates and come in single, double and triple sizes from about £8.

Woolworths have an inexpensive starter hibachi in pressed steel – a double version of the triple one illustrated – consisting of a shallow firebowl, removable ash can and preassembled feet and handles. The grill area is 10in x 7in and the grids can be adjusted to three heights. The set comes with a three-piece tool set, lighting blocks and a one kilo bag of charcoal at £9.95 at all branches of Woolworths and Woolco.

The next step is usually an open brazier on a stand with a cooking area of 16in to 36in, or a hooded barbecue, which helps to prevent the wind cooling the food and swirling the smoke over the guests and provides a support for a spit. Prices are about £30 to £50.

Kettle barbecues with hinged or lift-off lids to prevent flare-ups and to reflect the heat evenly on to the food are the most popular form of barbecue in America and they are beginning to sell well in this country. There are versions at around £60, but the more usual price is between £100 and £170. It is possible to cook almost anything in a kettle, which has an adjustable air-vent in the top half. A 22½in diameter size will take a 20lb turkey with a few vegetables.

In America, where in the summer to eat is to barbecue, the top selling name is Weber, who incorporate all the mot sophisticated vents and cooking controls into their round, charcoal-burning kettles. They even have an easy, one-touch cleaning system which dispenses the ashes into a detachable tray without any mess. This year these kettles come in a new range of colours including red, blue, green and chocolate as well as black. Selfridges have them in the 18½in size at £89.50 and in the 22½in size at £119.50. The coloured models cost a further £10. There is also a maple preparation table top called a Side-Kick for food preparation. It fits both sizes of kettle and costs £24.95.

The disadvantage of being bitten by the barbecue bug is that there is always something bigger and better and more sophisticated to supplant your existing model. But the newest idea in barbecues allows you to start small and build up to a full grilling, baking and spit-roasting system without having to throw away a single component.

The modular barbecue is a British idea, made by Living Flair, and is already selling to countries where barbecueing is an established form of entertaining. You can start with a basic fire-bowl – a third of a circle – for picnic use at about £15. Then a second bowl and a wheeled base can be added for a further £32.95 and the final bowl and lid for a further £34.95.

Other accessories, including a spit-roaster for two chickens at about £11.50 and a grill attachment costing £7, are also available, and there is an optional gas-burning fire-bowl which can be used with, or instead of, one of the charcoal-burning bowls for £39.

Gas barbecues, which have only 2 per cent of the market here, but are very popular in North America, use lava instead of charcoal and have the advantage of being easy to light and control – no need to struggle for hours to get the thing going or resort in desperation to gnawing through semi-raw meat if you haven't allowed enough time. It is the only sort I have ever used or would ever use, but then I believe camping should be done in a theatre. The new Redking electric barbecue by Odell also uses lava and comes with 30ft of cable. It has a variable control and takes about 10 minutes to heat up.

Some cooks swear that the taste is different when you grill over lava, but there is no reason why it should be, as the flavour comes from the fats dripping on to the embers, not from the charcoal itself, an odourless fuel which imparts no flavour. However, using domestic power for outdoor cooking is too much like going camping with a colour television, and real enthusiasts will have none of it.

For those who insist on charcoal, the Barbecue Association advises that the cheapest is not necessarily the best buy. Cheap charcoal may be difficult to light and will not burn long.

Lump charcoal, the association advises, will ignite in 15 to 29 minutes and will burn adequately for 45 to 50 minutes in an average barbecue and up to two hours in a deep-trough variety. Briquettes take 30 minutes to ignite fully but can burn at cooking temperature for two and a half hours.

The most important accessory for any barbecue cook is a pair of long-handled tongs, an oven gauntlet and some kebab skewers. Reusable plastic picnic plates are worth buying if you propose to barbecue regularly – Boots have plain red and white plates at £1.75 for three, and Tesco have similar ones at £1.49 for three. But as the whole point of eating outside is to avoid as many domestic chores as possible, including the washing up, disposable paper plates are a sensible alternative and come in attractive enough designs these days not to disgrace the cook.

For wine or beer there is a new range of unbreakable clear plastic goblets by Guzzini at £1.75 each from Harrods. For hot drinks I would choose plastic mugs. Most plastic knives and forks are useless for chops and steaks, but Boots Cookshops have a Picnicware four-piece plastic cutlery set which includes a knife with a stainless-steel blade, sturdy enough for most barbecue fare. £1.15.

Large branches of Boots also stock a variety of charcoal and lighting aids – Odell lighting paste at £1.59, 200ml, Living Flair lighting fluid £1.79, 1 litre, self-lighting Charbar at £1.65 – and a good range of well-priced accessories.

These include a five-piece luxury tool set with long wood handles at £5.99, a rotisserie kebab set £1.75, spit rod and forks £1.99, spit motor £2.99 and burger/sausage broiler £2.25.

For evening parties they have sets of three terracotta pot candles at £2.99, and three plain candle flares at £1.99 both by Odell.

Some barbecues can be partially dismantled, but if space is at a premium you will need something to cover your barbecue as it will go rusty unless protected by weather-proof sheeting. Even with permanent brick structures – there is a simple kit by Beefeater which includes hearth, side panels and grill for £14.99 – you need to remove the metal sections.

Advice on building and siting a DIY barbecue is given in Jim Marks's book, which covers all aspects of choosing and using and includes a chapter of recipes ranging from seafood kebabs to Woganburgers (Terry Wogan is an accomplished barbecue enthusiast).

There are also two booklets which offer some very basic advice. They are *Barbecuing for Beginners*, 40p from the Barbecue Association, 60 Claremont Road, Surbiton, Surrey (01 390 2022); and *Have a Barbecue with British Meat*, which includes a few hints and a recipe or two for savoury butters and sauces and is available for a s.a.e. from Meat Promotion Executive (Barbecues), 5 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DE.

SHOPFRONT



■ Beatrice Gimpel is a gemmologist with a finely tuned fashion sense. She began making necklaces from semi-precious stones to match her own clothes, was asked to design others for friends and has been so successful that she has just launched her first commercial collection, called Remygem. It is intended for next autumn (although you can see examples at Asprey, 165 New Bond Street, London W1) so the stones have been selected to tone with the predicted main fashion colour, brown. There are ropes of amber and tiger's eye, with its wicked gold glint, frosted onyx with a matt-black finish or highly polished and mingled with gold, and an interesting stone called zoisite, which is moss green with a natural overlay of ruby, giving a marbled effect.

Not all the stones are polished. Some necklaces are interspersed with rough ruby crystals, which are naturally hexagonal and are simply drilled and threaded next to pearls, gold beads and labradorite, a smoky grey stone with opalescent lights shimmering inside. An 8in mixed necklace is £210, a 14in all-labradorite costs £190.

For immediate wear there is Australian jasper in summery pale cream or cream marbled with pink. The necklace illustrated is set with a medallion which has a natural landscape marking in the stone, £170.

If you would prefer something to march a particular outfit, Beatrice Gimpel will design a necklace to order in whatever stones and whatever length you wish. She can be contacted at Remy Gimpel, 80-90 Hatton Garden, London EC1 (01-831 7769).

Blooms in Bath

■ A two-day festival to attract both budding and flourishing flower arrangers is to be held in Bath on June 28 and 29. It is the first international event to be staged by the World Association of Flower Arrangers, formed three years ago. There will be competitions and displays by 17 countries in the Assembly Rooms and the Guildhall. A £1.50 ticket gives entrance to both between 9.30am and 8pm on the first day or between 9.30am and 5pm on the second day.

In order to create international awareness of our home-grown products, as well as our home-grown blooms, a tombola of all-British goods donated by British companies and bought with £3,000 collected by the 1,400 members of the British National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) will be run during the event.

For tickets and further information contact Dorothy Simcock, Sunnylands, Paddocks Way, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2QY.

For those who are not able to get to Bath, an excellent book called *Flower Arranging for Shows* is published this week by Batsford. The author is Mary Napper, past chairman of NAFAS.

Drawing on her experience of flower shows in Britain, America, South Africa, Bermuda and Belgium, she gives comprehensive guidance on every aspect of her subject, from planning, choosing themes and selecting containers, to staging the exhibit, with some tips on what judges look for.

The book costs £7.95 and will be invaluable for competitors, exhibitors and show committee members. For local stockists contact Batsford, 4 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1 (01-486 8484).

Art for living

■ Some of the prettiest decorated furniture available is by Robert and Colleen Bery, who have a range of designs which they will paint on to tables, screens, chests and mirrors.

Colours can be chosen to tone with individual furnishings and a range of their work can be seen at 8 Rosehill Road, London SW18 – please telephone first for an appointment (01-874 5542). The Swaying Irises screen illustrated is 6ft high and costs £280.

DRINK

Hail to the king of the whites

Lovers of red wine will probably argue for ever about the respective merits of Bordeaux and Burgundy or whether the Cabernet Sauvignon really is a finer grape than the Pinot Noir. Thankfully, the white-wine world manages to avoid this sort of tedious vinous dispute; the majestic Chardonnay is its unrivalled king. Although Germans would argue that their Rhine Riesling is *the* classic white wine grape, even they would have to admit that while all sorts of wine-producing countries produce first class Chardonnay, very few outside Germany produce perfect dry Rieslings.

One reason for the Chardonnay's world-wide superiority over other white grapes is its forgiving nature. It may not be quite as flexible as the Cabernet Sauvignon, which must be the most tolerant grape of all, being able to transfer itself effortlessly to all sorts of winemakers, climates and soils. Nevertheless, the noble Pinot Chardonnay (to give this grape its full title) is fairly adaptable.

Besides being the grape behind such great wines as white burgundy (including chablis) and champagne, it has flourished in California and the Pacific North West, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, and Spain and in a less impressive way in Lebanon, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and even parts of Eastern Europe.

The Chardonnay is happiest in a chalky soil; when young its wines have a lean, clean-cut, chalky elegance (perhaps personified by chablis) which deepens with time and becomes smoky and almost nutty. In the same way, the finest white burgundies like mature meursaults, take on a big, rich, buttery bouquet and taste that I adore. The colour of Chardonnay wines can also be deeply satisfying, ranging from the palest greeny-gold of chablis through to the rich, buttercup-gold of meursault.

Curiously enough, although Burgundy has been producing excellent Chardonnay for centuries, it has only been relatively recently that Chardonnays from the rest of the world have been able to compete. California has probably been trying the longest, with some very handsome Golden State Chardonnays being made as early as 1970.

Some of the most consistently stylish examples come from John and Janet Trefethen's old wooden winery which was set up in the Napa Valley around 1915. Trefethen's '79, for instance, although not from a great Chardonnay year, is a beautifully balanced, rich, racy wine and is good value for a California wine at £8.63 (Adnams, Sole Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk).

Another American wine-producing area that is beginning to make a name for itself with the Chardonnay grape is the Pacific North West, a region about 400 miles north of San Francisco and the Napa Valley that consists of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Mark Savage, Master of Wine of Windrush Wines, who pioneered the importation of these wines, firmly believes that the North West's cooler climate has the edge over California's. I am not yet entirely convinced but wines such as the '80 Ste Chapelle Chardonnay with its full-bodied, buttery-sherbetty-like flavour go a long way to proving his point (Windrush Wines, The Barracks, Cecily Hill, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, £5.76; The Wine Studio, 9 Eccleston Street, London SW1, £8.50).

Australia has also been making good Chardonnays for some time; one of the most impressive is Tyrrell's Vat 47 Chardonnay. Murray Tyrrell was the first to plant Chardonnay in the Hunter Valley and his glorious greeny-gold '82 Vat 47 Chardonnay is a real winner with its rich, fat buttery taste (Averys, 7 Park Street, Bristol £7.42). A relative newcomer in the Hunter Valley which has only recently been imported into Britain is Rosemount. Yet despite the comparative youth of Tyrrell's wines, the '83 Show Reserve Chardonnay, aged in both French and American oak casks, is stunning with its rich, golden colour and elegant buttery-oaky flavour (Victoria Wine – to order – £5.50, Cullens £5.95).

In Europe there appear to be few challengers to the French Chardonnays. One notable exception is Jean Léon's Chardonnay from the Penedes region of Spain, just south of Barcelona. The '81 Chardonnay with its elegant, full biscuity-oaky style, is not as rich and buttery as the previous year's but is still a very worthwhile wine (Laymont & Shaw, The Old Chapel, Mill Pool, Truro, Cornwall, £6.56; La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, £6.95).

Amazingly, Italy also produces a very creditable Chardonnay. Not, as Italian devotees might expect, in the cool northern Alto Adige or Süd-Tirol region, whose Chardonnays, I feel, are almost there but not quite. No, Italy's classic Chardonnay comes form a region not far away from the Alto Adige – the Friuli-Venezia Giulia, tucked into the extreme north-east corner of Italy and bordering both Austria and Yugoslavia.

Eno Friulia is one of the leading firms in the region and its wine-maker is considered one of Italy's best. So do try the 1980 Eno Friulia Chardonnay delle Venezie – a classic Chardonnay if ever there was one, with a fine buttery, oaky taste (Henry Townsend, Chalk Pit House, Coleshill, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, £3.70).

Jane MacQuitty

Sorting grapes in France, c1875



EATING OUT

Scouse seaweed for starters

With the International Garden Festival now in full bloom in Liverpool, we look at a variety of local venues which offer sustenance to the hungry visitor

Whatever anyone may think of the long-term usefulness of a garden festival to strife-torn Liverpool, there can be no doubt that transforming a recently derelict site to an exotic riverside park is a staggering achievement. Even a cursory, hour-long stroll across the landscaped hills and gardens reveals many impressive scenes and delightful amusements. So it may seem churlish to report on restaurants *outside* the garden site, but the festival's catering, apart from the restaurant of the specially built Whitbread pub, The Britannia Inn, is largely self-service or takeaway. It is bright and breezy, but rather functional.

For more considered eating, visitors are best-advised to adjourn to Lark Lane, a quiet, prettily-preserved "village"-style street just five minutes' walk from the St Michael's entrance to the festival. The street boasts several restaurants from Chinese to Mexican, but the two which took my eye seemed to offer a good balance between informal refuelling and stylish dining.

Keith's is a cosy, pleasantly furnished wine bar offering an above-average buffet and a couple of distinctive, home-cooked hot dishes. A lentil and tomato soup or vegetarian pâté might sound like frugal left-overs from Gandalf's garden, but here they were both well-prepared and served in generous portions; and together with an equally impressive fish pie, they formed a splendid, cheap lunch for around £3. Alternatives might include snails in garlic-butter, sweet-and-sour pork with rice or mussels marinière.

The blackboard wine-list seemed well-balanced, but apart from a solitary Beaujolais, there were no half-bottles. Home-baked cakes, good coffee and an unstudied Bohemian atmosphere (it comes naturally in Liverpool) complete the picture.

Slightly more varied (and expensive) lunches are available in Lark Lane's aptly-named L'Alouette Restaurant which occupies an attractive corner site that takes full benefit of its floor-to-ceiling windows. Inside, polished wooden floors, pine tables and hanging floral baskets create a relaxed rustic setting, although a brooding portrait of Bonaparte reminds you that the food is taken seriously.

During the day, a short bistro menu operates, with soups (cream of spinach or fennel, carrot and orange, 70p), snails, sautéed fillet steak (£2.40), fennel and ham au gratin (£1.40), seafood crêpes generally available. The cooking shows both care and pride in the freshness of the ingredients, offering considerable inducement to sample their more substantial evening menu.

This offers the likes of scallops with saffron (£4.85), roast chicken stuffed with chervil, parsley and tarragon, fillet steak with Roquefort butter and two interesting sounding regional dishes – veau Vallée d'Auge (escalope of veal sautéed with wine, mushrooms, veal juices and cream, £7.20) and saupiquet (cured ham, sautéed and served in a vinegar, peppercorn and juniper berry sauce). Given this sort of range, L'Alouette certainly seems worth a visit in its own right.

Much the same could be said of Liverpool's "Chinatown", which lies en route from city centre to festival, but which has more to offer than just a fleeting "pit-stop". Liverpool has the oldest Chinese community in Europe and its restaurants and shops, based along Nelson Street, Berry Street and Upper Duke Street, present an intriguing mixture of sights (wind-dried ducks hanging in windows, major games of draughts in back rooms) and sounds (thick Scouse accents from the most oriental looking of waiters).

The Yuet Ben, in the shadow of the huge Anglican Cathedral (and with some of the same inprobable Gothic architecture) has a good reputation for its Peking-style food, not least because of the 40 years experience of its chef Mr Yau.

The smart, "upwardly-mobile" decor renders it slightly less authentic than some of its neighbours (you have to ask for chop-sticks) but the menu is strong on soups (15 varieties), appetisers (excellent seaweed, sesame prawns and crispy chicken) and has at least one outstanding main dish – *shir hua* king prawns (deep fried in an egg-white batter, £4.60). The highly-rated fried meat dumplings have to be ordered in advance.

Stan Hey

Keith's Wine Bar, 105 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17 (051 728 7688). Open: daily, noon-3pm and 5pm-11pm.
L'Alouette, 2 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17 (051 727 2142). Open: Tues-Sat: noon-3pm and 7.15pm-11pm.
Yuet Ben, 1-3 Upper Duke Street, Liverpool 1 (051 709 5772). Open: daily, noon-2.30pm and 6pm-11pm.



CHESS

Hastings, saved by a whisker

The financial sponsorship of the Hastings International Chess Tournament by Advanced Consumer Electronics last year was of a brief, one-year duration: but fortunately there will be no gap in the series of tournaments.

It is a great relief to learn that the Hastings and St Leonards Corporation will fill the gap for next year's event, the sixtieth in the series in which all the world champions, from Wilhelm Steinitz to Anatoly Karpov, have taken part. All, that is, save Bobby Fischer, who stopped playing the day he won the title.

It is almost unthinkable that the Hastings events should cease: the loss to world chess and to British chess in particular would be indeed severe. Hastings has become known throughout the civilized world as the historic home of chess and it is impossible to over-estimate the number of great young British players whose imagination has been stirred by the example and spirit of the chess played there.

However, the corporation can furnish only the bare minimum of finance and what is still wanted is a sponsor able and willing to devote something like £20,000 to the congress.

Then the corporation could supplement this with, say, £10,000 pounds and we could hope to see the participation of Karpov, the present world champion, or of his possible successor, Kasparov.

Karpov, by the way, after winning first prize in the recent Phillips and Drew event, went on to give a simultaneous display against the best British juniors at Westergate School in Sussex in which he won nine, drew eight and lost three games, results that bear witness to the strength of British junior chess.

Neil Carr, the British under-21 champion, won the best game prize (given by Lloyds Bank and judged by Karpov himself) for the following brilliant game in the simultaneous display.

White, A. Karpov. Black, N. Carr. Pirc Defence.

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The most aggressive continuation and better than 10... N-Q2, 11 N-KN5 BxB, 12 NxB, P-KR3, 13 N-R3 when White is ready to play the strong P-KB4 move.

11 P-QR3

11 BxNP BxN, 12 PxB N-R4 to be followed by 13... P-KB4 gives Black excellent counter-attacking chances very much as in the game.

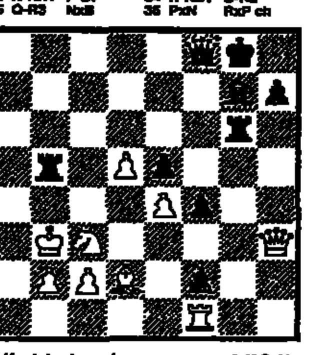
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But here better seems 19 B-Q7 N-KB3, 20 B-K6 ch K-R1, 21 Q-N2.

19 ... Q-KB1 20 QxBP R-B1 21 QxRP

It is dangerous to decentralize the Queen in this way; 21 Q-Q7 was preferable.

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All this has been most skilfully played by Black; if now 37 NxR, R-N6 ch.

37 K-R2 R-R3 ch 38 K-N1 RxP ch

White resigns since 39 KxR Q-R6 ch allows Black to mate next move.

Harry Golombek

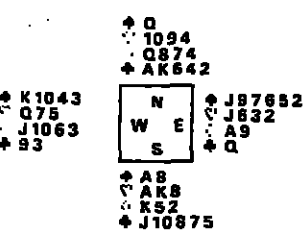
BRIDGE

Seeing through tricky disguises

Seventeen out of an original entry of more than 650 teams battled their way through the heats and regional finals to contest the finals of the 1984 Sobranie Challenge at the Park Lane Hotel, London. The Challenge, the club championship of the United Kingdom, differs from most bridge competitions in many ways, and in one respect it is unique: every finalist is the guest of the sponsors for the whole weekend.

The special conditions, which exclude players above the rank of regional master and impose restrictions on artificial conventions, might make you think that the quality of the bridge would suffer. The hands which follow contradict that notion.

Manchester v St John's Wood. Game all. Dealer South.



At one table the Manchester South played in three no trumps and was much relieved when dummy's ♣Q held the first trick. St John's Wood, whose skills have been honed at the rubber bridge table, might have been expected to arrive at the same journeyman's contract. But despite an opening bid of one no trump, they reached the infinitely superior contract of five clubs by South.

West led the ♡5, which ran to East's ♡J and declarer's ♡K. Declarer managed the play with skill to match the bidding. He cashed two top trumps before playing the ♠A and ruffing a spade in dummy. He continued with the ♡10, disdained the finesse, winning with the ♡A, and put West on play with the ♡Q. West had to concede a ruff and discard or open the diamond suit. Reluctantly he led the ♢3 to East's ♢9 and declarer's ♢K. When declarer returned a diamond to dummy's Queen and East's Ace, the defence was doomed.

Some declarers missed the point of this next hand, which is perhaps more difficult than it looks.

East-West game. Dealer North.

North: ♠ K 8 5 4 ♡ Q 5 4 ♢ A K 3 ♣ A 7 3
West: ♠ Q 3 ♡ 10 6 ♢ Q 6 5 4 ♣ Q 9 8 4 2
East: ♠ J 7 6 2 ♡ K J 8 ♢ J 10 9 8 7 ♣ K
South: ♠ A 10 9 ♡ A 9 7 3 2 ♢ 2 ♣ J 10 6 5

The contract at most tables was four hearts. The lead of the ♣4 was allowed to run to East's ♣K. When East returned a diamond, several declarers, fearful of club ruffs, continued with the ♡A and a heart to the ♡Q and ♡K. When East cashed the ♡J the contract became unmakable.

If declarer assumes, as he should, that West has the ♣Q, the contract is secure except against a bad trump break. After winning the diamond switch in dummy, declarer should ruff a diamond in hand and continue with a low heart. If West wins with the ♡K, provided the trumps are 3-2 he is welcome to give his partner a club ruff.

As it happens, the ♡Q loses to East's ♡K. Regardless of East's return, declarer cashes the ♡A and finesses the ♣J. As before, East makes two trump tricks, but dummy's third trump takes care of declarer's fourth club, while his losing spade goes on dummy's ♢K.

It is a simple exercise in trump control, admittedly disguised in unusual garb.

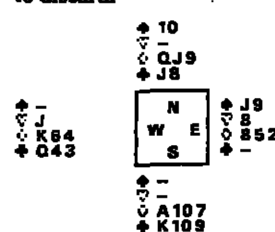
When the final session began, St John's Wood had surprisingly dropped out of contention, leaving the issue to be disputed between Southampton (the holders), Manchester, Kettering and Norfolk and Norwich. Manchester resisted a storming finish by Southampton to hold on to their lead by a short head.

The excellent card reading by Alan Mould on this next hand supports my view that the Manchester team were worthy winners.

Game all. Dealer South.

North: ♠ A K 10 5 ♡ 10 3 ♢ Q J 9 ♣ J 8 7 5
West: ♠ 3 ♡ K J 6 4 ♢ K 6 4 3 ♣ Q 4 3 2
East: ♠ J 9 8 7 2 ♡ 9 8 7 2 ♢ 8 5 2 ♣ A
South: ♠ Q 6 4 ♡ A Q 5 ♢ A 10 7 ♣ K 10 9 6

The contract was three no trumps. West led the ♡4 on which Mould tried dummy's ♡10 and East played the ♡9. Mould played a club, which East won with the ♣A. East returned the ♡2. West took Mould's ♡Q with the ♡K and persisted with the ♡6. Two rounds of spades revealed the limited prospects of that suit. With only seven tricks immediately apparent, 99 players out of 100 would have relied on either the club or the diamond finesse to provide the two extra tricks they needed. Mould showed greater inspiration. He played another spade to dummy's ♠A, which caused West some embarrassment. This was the six-card ending, with West still to discard.



If West had parted with a diamond, Mould would have played the Ace and another diamond, establishing a diamond and making two clubs when West was forced to play into his tenace. In practice West let a club go, so Mould played the ♣K and ♣10 to score the last three tricks from his ♣9 and diamond tenace.

It is true that West could have averted the endplay by playing the ♡J rather than the ♡6 to clear the suit, but that does not subtract from Mould's fine play.

The full result was: 1. Manchester (Anil Ruia, Alan Mould, David Whyte, Rosalind Hunt), 206 VPs; 2. Southampton, 204 VPs; 3. Kettering, 196 VPs; 4. Norfolk and Norwich, 176 VPs.

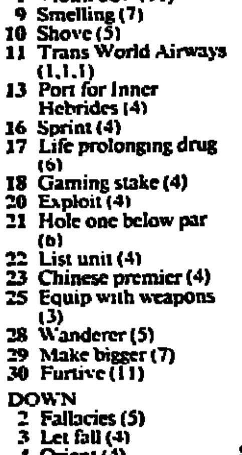
Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 363)

Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, June 14, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, June 16, 1984.

ACROSS
1 Violin bow (11)
9 Smelling (7)
10 Shove (5)
11 Trans World Airways (1,1,1)
13 Port for Inner Hebrides (4)
16 Sprint (4)
17 Life prolonging drug (6)
18 Gaming stake (4)
20 Exploit (4)
21 Hole one below par (6)
22 List unit (4)
23 Chinese premier (4)
25 Equip with weapons (3)
28 Wanderer (5)
29 Make bigger (7)
30 Furtive (11)

DOWN
2 Fallacies (5)
3 Let fall (4)
4 Orient (4)
5 Big bass brass (4)
6 Lapel flower (7)
7 Intelligent man (4,7)
8 Spiky lily (3,3,5)
12 Eccentric type (6)
14 Born as (3)
15 High Ottoman official (6)
19 Hot spring (7)
20 Tasselled cone hat (3)
24 Tall grey wader (5)
25 Southern Yemen capital (4)
26 Nothing more than (4)
27 Apartment (4)



SOLUTION TO No 362
ACROSS: 1 Prefab 5 Record 8 Lye 9 Obtuse 10 Liaise 11 Hi fi 12 Pick me up 14 Beggar 17 Agenda 19 Valhalla 22 Unto 24 Clever 25 Debris 26 Goo 27 Stance 28 Needle
DOWN: 2 Rabbi 3 Fouling 4 Bleeper 5 Relic 6 Charm 7 Resound 13 Keg 15 Epaulet 16 Aha 17 Abandon 18 Equable 20 Haven 21 Large 23 Trill

Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

The winners of the prize concise No 357 are: The Rev R. H. Smith, The Rectory, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Shropshire; and A. Ditchfield, Shoemaker's Cottage, Honington, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

SOLUTION TO No 357 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Mississippi 9 Approve 10 Adieu 11 Dun 13 Vote 16 Bung 17 Rouble 18 Buck 20 Vane 21 Muesli 22 Site 23 Mast 25 Gyp 28 Ulcer 29 Alumina 30 Deuteronomy
DOWN: 2 Input 3 Shop 4 Sled 5 Ivan 6 Primula 7 Pax vobiscum 8 Judgement day 12 Unless 14 Erk 15 Luxury 19 Cuticle 20 Vim 24 Axiom 25 Grit 26 Pair 27 Ruin

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FAMILY LIFE

Toy time. Pictures by Laurie Sparham

The dream house of childhood memories

A straggle of children was leaving The London Toy & Model Museum as we arrived for an after-hours tour of the premises and new garden pool. One small person, looking accusingly at us, tugged at her granny's sleeve and begged "just *one* more look" in vain.

I know how she felt. Which of us hasn't at some time enjoyed being in a place of entertainment when the rest of the customers or the audience have gone home – be it pub, restaurant, theatre or in this case, a houseful of toys?

In the space of barely two years, the museum has established itself as one of the finest of its kind in the country – not just among the children who visit but in the opinion of a number of critics, collectors and the relatively high proportion of adults who also come to look at toys and models, take part in the bi-annual locomotive trials on the 800ft track, picnic with well-loved teddy bears, (the late Peter Bull was a regular visitor, friend and patron) or more recently, sail boats on the pool.

Nevertheless it was primarily for children "and adults like me who have never completely grown up, nor want to" that Allen Levy, a publisher, and his wife Narisa, an art historian, took a studied gamble when they decised to buy premises in Craven Street, close by Paddington Station, and start a museum.

Levy dislikes the word "enthusiast" – especially when it goes hand in hand (as it invariably does) with the word "steam". Yet his own enthusiasm for the miniature artefacts of the steam age (he is a long standing collector, particularly of toy and model trains) is real enough. He talks easily and with conviction about his desire to make memories – real or imagined – available to his and future generations of children. If you are lucky enough to have a collection you should not hug it to yourself.

"Either you're Getty with a collection so fabulous that you want to show the world what you own – or you're in a particular field, say toys of an industrial age. You may start with the fag-end of some stately home, or acquire one object and build from that. What you collect is highly personal, based on value judgments, instincts – sometimes irrational conviction.

"Toys", Levy says, as did Baudelaire before him, "are a child's first introduction to art."

Whatever the force driving Allen and Narisa Levy the result is a place that is delightful to visit. Of all the collections, perhaps the section on trains, engines and rolling stock – whether it's the clockwork floor train "London" built by The Hess Company in Germany, the Basset-Lowke "Royal Scot" and six coaches or the Hornby "Princess Elizabeth" in box – is the most impressive.

But then there are boats and planes, model cars of every make and description, tin toys, toy menageries, games, doll's houses and a collection of dolls that though comparatively small is one of the best I have seen: and it is displayed in such a way that each, apart from representing a manufacturer or an era, seems to have a life of its own. There are automata, a child's nursery and bears ancient, modern and mechanical of all shapes, sizes and states of threadbaredness.

All but a few exhibits are of course behind glass, but the cabinets are extremely well lit, the layouts individual and often successfully achieving an imaginative display while at the same time giving the viewer what he or she wants. Wandering round, my companion and I agreed that we were reminded of early window-shopping when, nose flattened against the pane, you knew you'd never own it all, possibly none of it, but the looking and dreaming was good.

Judy Froshaug

The London Toy & Model Museum is at 21-23 Craven Hill, London W2 (262 9450) and is open Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun 11am-5pm, adults £1.50, children 50p, under-fives free.

Outings

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING AFTERNOON: Displays by many different societies throughout the afternoon plus an open invitation for you and the children to join in a number of the dances. Beautiful National Trust house and gardens. Wallington Hall, Cambo, Morpeth, Northumbria (067 074 283). Today from 2.30pm. Grounds only, adult £1, child 50p

STAR TENNIS DAY: Coaching sessions for all tennis players of 12 and upwards, from 11am. Round Robin Tournament for deaf and hearing players at 12.30pm, final at 6pm, followed by the Professional Celebrity Match, 6.30pm-11pm. Other events include auctions, raffle and tombola. The David Lloyd Slazenger Racquet Club, Southall Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex (387 8033). Today from 10.30am. Adult £3, child £1. Exhibition Match tickets from £3-£10.

PRIDE AND JOY CLOGGERS: After taking part in the Croydon Festival procession, America's National Clog Dance Champions will be giving a spectacular demonstration of this dance technique, "un-Tidy" style, and swapping steps with British clog and morris men. The Arnhem Gallery, Fairfield Halls, Croydon (681 0821). Today from 12.30pm. Free.

ROCKSCHOOL ON THE ROAD TOUR 1984: Teenage rock followers won't need to be told who or what Rockschool is, (a BBC TV series which returns to the screen from June 17) but may want to see the team in action in a show that is part concert, part workshop. Prizes and competitions at each gig. The tour opens in London at Woolwich Public Hall, Market Street, SE18 (317 8687). Today at 8pm, tickets £3.

JOUR DE FETE: Tati classic showing the master as a village postman attempting to emulate the American postal system. Also hilarious 'silent' with Max Linder in 'Max Pedicure'. Junior NFT, National Film Theatre (928 3232). Today at 4pm, for family audiences. Adult (must be accompanied by child) £2.40 child £1.20.

DOUGAL AND THE BLUE CAT: For all Magic Roundabout fans, a full length film with Dougal, Florence, Zebedee et al, plus regular serial. Saturday Kids Club, Screen on the Hill, 203 Haverstock Hill, (435 3366). Today at 10.30am Child membership £1. Adult (with child only) £1.50, child £1.25.

AMATEUR GARDENING SCHEME EVENT: To promote the launch of a "read, watch and listen" City and Guilds study course, visitors are invited to meet garden experts, tour the grounds and learn more about "distance learning material" (publications, videos and correspondence courses). Should be useful and enjoyable for parents and children thinking of pursuing a course. Capel Manor Institute of Horticulture and Field Studies, Waltham Cross, Herts. (Further information on 97 63849.) Today and tomorrow.

BABAR THE ELEPHANT AND OTHER ANIMALS: One of the many events taking place in Greenwich, this "entertainment in words and music" is presented by Richard Baker and Ralph Terroni and should appeal particularly to younger audiences. Greenwich Theatre, Greenwich (Festival Box Office 317 8687). Tomorrow at 3pm, Adult £1.50, child 75p.

OUT AND ABOUT

Perfection on the boat pond

With water lapping gently round the tops of his thigh-waders, the owner stoops and breathes passionately on the damp motor of his model boat. He tickles its rudder and with the gentlest of shoves sends his pride and joy on its way across the pond and into the arms of another enthusiast.

Unlikely behaviour for a grown man, you might think. The sport has its own season (March to September), clubs, regattas and even a world championship. To the family of the aficionado it offers a day out, perhaps with a picnic, by the waterside.

The group I watched belonged to the straight running branch of the Model Power Boating Association. The challenge of straight running is to make your boat pass through a line of poles. Eight are spread across the pond or lake at one metre intervals, and best marks are achieved through the central two, the "bull". The boats can go no faster than 12mph, mainly in consideration for the catchers on the other side.

Tiptop tug: Model in wood and tin-plate of The Moorcock

These men are the sport's traditionalists, proud that they belong to the oldest class, with 100 years behind it. Their craft vary enormously – from a 4ft model tug, The Moorcock, built from wood and tin-plate before the war by the real tug's captain, to a much smaller modern launch with teak decks gleaming in the sunlight.

Most forms of power are used, and steam is making a come-back. Its supporters like its smell, the gentle chug-chug of pistons and the challenge of assembling the engine from scratch. Petrol or electric engines bought complete are not so reliable, they say.

Enthusiasts with differing tastes are catered for in other sections – tethered hydroplanes, for example, in which the boats are attached to a central pole. The attraction of this section is speed. They are judged on the fastest lap out of five, and 146mph has been recorded.

Radio-control enthusiasts have their chance in multi-races and the steering and speed section; some new boys plump for fast electric, a class recognized by the association for the first time this year; but for the perfectionists it is scale boats and ships.

Any boat, ship or submarine can be copied; each craft must be an exact replica down to the right number of rivets. They are built from the original plans, and if possible the prototype is seen and photographed. The Maritime Museum at Greenwich provides a fund of information and will supply plans of most craft ever built, given names and dates.

Shipbuilders and owners are usually delighted to help prospective model boaters. One man who had built a replica of an off-shore vessel belonging to Star Offshore Services, wanted to build its sister ship. He telephoned the company and they arranged for it to dock in Aberdeen for a weekend, so he could look over the vessel and chat to the captain.

Points such as how a winch is made are held to be vital and the judges will investigate the smallest detail. Appearance in the water and performance, of course, must be perfect. Tugs are most popular in this section, with their wide beams and extra stability. A warship, with a beam/length ratio of perhaps 1:8, can be more difficult.

The multi-race section, the second in popularity after scale, is the most expensive. A fibreglass hull for a 3ft or 4ft boat costs £40; an engine, gearbox, silencer and radio control can take take the cost to £200. The races need plenty of water, allowing a maximum of eight boats to belt round, sometimes for up to an hour.

The engines run off "glow fuel" – a filthy mixture of castor oil and methanol, sometimes given an extra kick with 5 per cent nitromethane, although that is not permitted in national competitions. At 50 mph the boats can be dangerous; but it is an exciting sport both for participants and spectators.

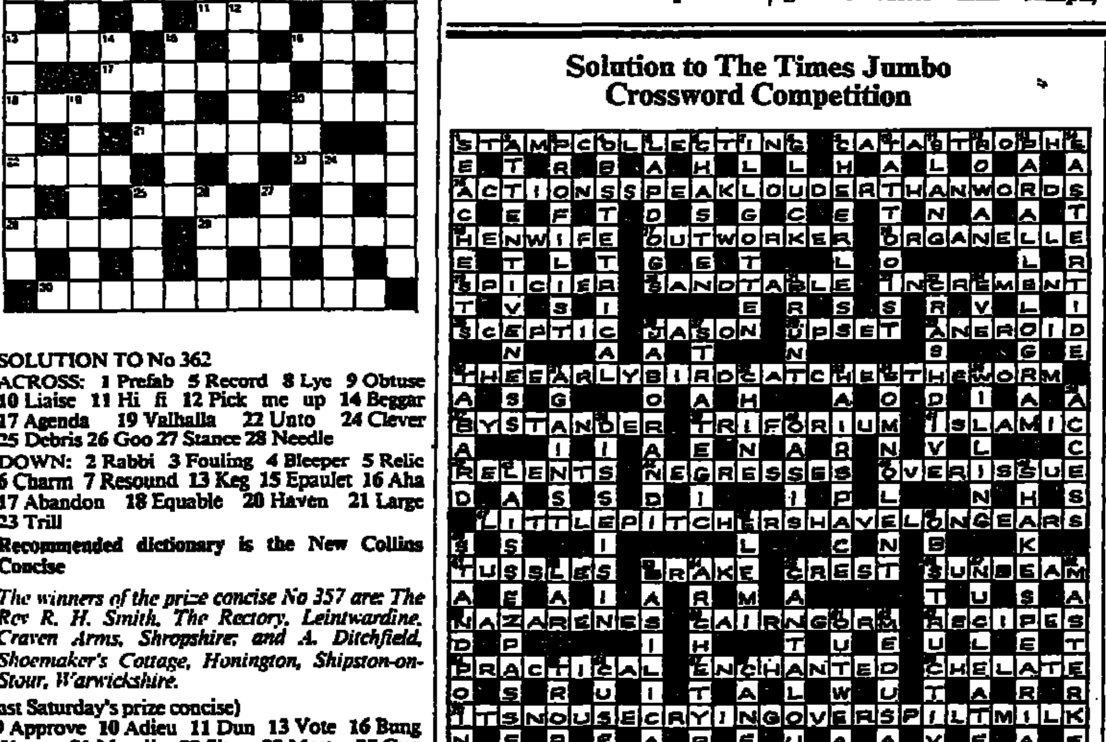
Radio-controlled craft need the biggest expanse of water. Running singly around complicated courses they need not only speed but also an ability to reverse, dock, and avoid a variety of obstacles.

Model boating clubs meet on Sundays, oblivious of cold and rain, and draw their members from a wide section of society. There are those among them, of course, who prefer model *sailing* boats. But that is another story altogether...

Mary Wilson

The Model Power Boating Association has more than 3,500 members. There are about 180 clubs in Britain, divided into four areas – Scotland, North, Midlands and South. The £2.50 annual membership fee includes insurance and a regatta list. Membership of a club is usually about £6, depending on amenities and the cost of hiring or owning the water. For information send an s.a.e. to the Model Boating Power Association, 38 Broadmeads, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Solution to The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition



The winners of The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition published on Saturday May 26 are: A. Macarthur, 73 Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey; D. J. Cripps, 41 Shrewsbury Drive, Upton, Wirral, Merseyside; Mrs Jack, 13 Min-Y-Coed, Radyr, Cardiff; M. B. Cheales, Blewbury Hall, Aston Upthorpe, Didcot, Oxfordshire; and Mrs P. Henderson, Pechesham Gates, Oxshott Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. They will each receive £50.

COUNTRY DIARY

Wild woods, pink pigs

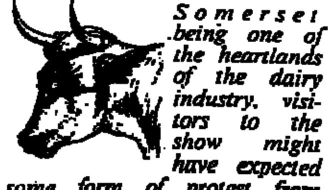


Agricultural shows do not change much from year to year, and the Royal Bath and West, which marks the elision of spring into summer (though you might not have guessed it from the weather) is no exception. What struck me most, on a visit last week, was how little the English countryside has changed.

The fields around Shepton Mallet were bright with buttercups and dandelions, the roadside verges dense with cow parsley, the woods a sea of bluebells. Here and there a field was being cut for silage, the first belated crop after a slow-growing spring, but there seemed far more permanent pasture than one might have expected.

I know that this sort of comment is likely to arouse the wrath of conservationists. But, while bodies like the Council for the Protection of Rural England deserve every praise for opposing individual cases of agricultural vandalism, and for seeking refinements to the ham-fisted Wildlife and Countryside Act, visual evidence refutes the more hysterical and ill-informed comments about the destruction of the countryside.

The conservation movement is in danger of being turned into a political bandwagon, urged along by people apparently motivated by nothing more than an irrational and vindictive dislike of farmers. Its cause would be far better served by more constructive and informed criticism, and by fewer sweeping and inaccurate generalizations.



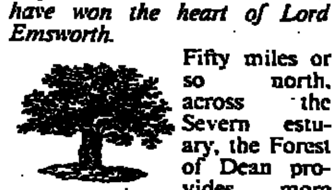
Somerset being one of the heartlands of the dairy industry, visitors to the show might have expected some form of protest from farmers hard hit by the new EEC quota system. But the roads were free of tractor blockades, although there are plans to picket next week's visit by Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, to next week's Three Counties Show at Malvern.

I noticed a roadside sign proclaiming that "quotas kill cows", and above an empty stall in one of the cowsheds was a wreath inscribed "In memory of those cows who gave their lives to the dairy industry of the other EEC countries". A woman reading it thought it was "probably something to do with the Common Market, but I really don't know anything about it".

"No demos?" I asked a show official. He gave me a sharp look; the Press stirring up trouble.

"No, we haven't got Arthur Scargill down here – yet."

My daughter, on the eve of her eleventh birthday, was more interested in pigs than in cows; not just pigs in general but, each and every porker in his or her straw filled pen, which she inspected with a zeal that would have won the heart of Lord Emsworth.



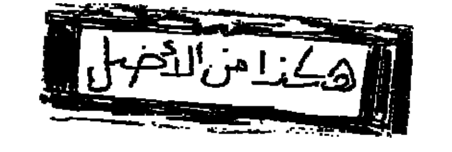
Fifty miles or so north, across the Severn estuary, the Forest of Dean provides more reassuring evidence that not all change is as disfiguring and destructive as is generally supposed. The Forestry Commission, popularly identified with those hated "serried ranks of conifers", here manages thousands of acres of hardwoods, mainly oak, ash and beech, which on a sunny day create a magical atmosphere.

Mr Tony Joslin, the commission's deputy surveyor for the area, says that local people are forever complaining that the forest's character is being changed. But it is surely change for the better; there are now 18,000 acres of trees, compared with only 11,000 when it was replanted after the Napoleonic Wars.

Just outside the Forest boundary the commission has recently concluded an agreement with the Nature Conservancy Council to leave 110 acres of woodland in the Wye valley completely unmanaged in perpetuity. The idea is to let it revert to something resembling primeval wilderness, a process which may take two or three hundred years, enabling future generations to compare the vegetation with that on surrounding managed estates. Dr George Peterkin, the council's woodland ecologist, explained that already no felling or thinning had taken place since 1943.

In the early years it appeared that beech and lime were likely to assert themselves as the dominant species at the expense of oak and ash, which need more sun. But the shallow-rooted beeches had suffered badly in the 1976 drought and had since had to struggle to survive. The effects of that single long hot summer will still be felt 300 years from now.

John Young



REVIEW

Empresses on the roads to triumph and tragedy

Queen Victoria by Cecil Woodham-Smith (£5.95).
The Dragon-Empress by Marina Warner (£4.95).
Nancy Mitford by Harold Acton (£4.95).
A Life of Contrasts by Diana Mosley (£4.95).
All published by Hamish Hamilton

These four books are the first of 10 distinguished biographies and memoirs being republished as paperbacks this year by Hamish Hamilton. They make an interesting quartet: two contrasting empresses and two contrasting sisters.

The subjects of *Queen Victoria* and *The Dragon-Empress* are two great nineteenth-century rulers, our own Victoria and Tz'u-hsi, the last Empress of China. Both young and strong-willed, they emerged from obscurity to take charge of their vast territories on opposite sides of the globe. However, the outcome of their long reigns was very different. Tz'u-hsi witnessed the disintegration of the Manchu domination of China while Queen Victoria presided over the consolidation of the British Empire.

In the late Cecil Woodham-Smith's unfinished life of Queen Victoria the legendary tale is told again: the summons to the throne at dawn; Victoria's immediate renunciation of her mother and Sir John Conroy in favour of Lord Melbourne; her love-affair with Albert; their passionate domestic quarrels; their struggle with Palmerston; the triumph of the Great Exhibition (its opening day wonderfully described by Victoria herself) and the cataclysm of the Crimean War.

Cecil Woodham-Smith's extensive use of the Royal Archives at Windsor ensures that her book will be the definitive life of Queen Victoria for some time to come. It is a magnificent attempt to record every known fact about her, of which one of the most spectacular is the financial dishonesty of Sir John Conroy. But alas, one is forced to agree with Noel Annan than much of this lengthy volume is marred by repetition and an absence of interpretation and emphasis, so that the final impression is of a weighty catalogue of names, events and dates. Despite the author's brave attempt during her final illness to describe Victoria's complex and volatile nature, the youthful Queen seems to have eluded her.

Marina Warner takes us straight into the Forbidden City at the heart of Peking and the Chinese Empire. Tz'u-hsi had been one of many concubines to the sickly young Emperor Hsien-feng. At 20 she gave birth to his only son and immediately found herself at the helm of the creaking Manchu dynasty. Ambitious, xenophobic and clever, she seized the opportunity with both hands – hands, incidentally, whose 4in-long nails felt, on clasping them, "like a handful of pencils".

Two dangers threatened the ancient fabric of China: its own unruly peasantry and the combined invasion by Western traders from Hongkong and Shanghai, and further inland, by Christian missionaries. Marina Warner's densely written but highly readable history suggests that the spread of Christianity indirectly unleashed one of the great Chinese disasters: the Taiping Rebellion.

Led by a recently converted South Chinese peasant who believed himself to be the brother of Jesus Christ, the uprising dedicated itself to the extermination of Confucianism and the Manchu dynasty. Twenty million Chinese died in the holocaust before it was finally defeated.

Imperious: Queen Victoria and the Empress Tz'u-hsi

The Boxer Rebellion of 1898, though tacitly in support of the Empress (the Boxers were awesomely reminiscent of Mao's Red Guards), led to military intervention by the European powers and effectively ended Tz'u-hsi's reign: she fled from the Forbidden City. The Eastern stage was set for Sun Yat-sen.

The two books about the famous Mitford sisters are somewhat lighter reading. Harold Acton's affectionate and touching memoir of Nancy draws generously on her delightful letters and describes the background to her successful writing. Diana Mosley's autobiography defends a political philosophy which failed.

Isabel Butterfield

Villainy stalks the cricket pitch

Bodyline – The Novel by Paul Wheeler (Faber & Faber, £2.50)
The Amazing Test Match Crime by Adrian Alington (Hogarth Press, £3.95)

Even non-cricketers have heard of bodyline, and the story of that controversial tour of Australia in the winter of 1932/3 has an almost universal appeal.

Paul Wheeler grasped its cinematic potential some time ago and has written the script for a forthcoming film by David Puttnam, producer of *Chariots of Fire*. He then converted the material into a book, *Bodyline – The Novel*.

The story contains all the necessary ingredients for good British drama. There is the traditional post-colonial rivalry between England and Australia, with all the off-the-pitch tension that entails, plus the essentially physical conflict on the pitch.

Douglas Jardine, the patrician English captain, makes a perfect anti-hero, goading his key fast bowler, Harold Larwood – a salt-of-the-earth type from a Nottinghamshire pit village – into directing his fire at the opposing batsmen's bodies rather than their wickets.

By the end the reader's sympathies have shifted considerably towards Jardine, as he is betrayed by an English establishment happy to condone his ruthless methods until he becomes a political embarrassment.

Mr Wheeler also injects the statutory element of romance, which gives more scope for tension off the field as Freddie Brown, one of the English tour party, meets the family of his Australian girlfriend.



Demon bowler: Harold Larwood in full cry

Some of the author's more cliched contrivances are irritating, but with such dramatic recipe, he can hardly fail to produce what one reviewer, quoted on the back cover, has described, inevitably, as "a rattling good yarn".

A book like *Bodyline – The Novel* contains few surprises, however, and I much preferred Adrian Alington's *The Amazing Test Match Crime*, a delightfully dated cricketing pastiche first published in hardback in 1939.

Adrian Alington, nephew of the great Dr Cyril Alington, Head Master of Eton College, was evidently a great lover of cricket as well as an avid reader of Damon Runyon and Conan Doyle.

Thus he chose to weave a ludicrous plot involving a Moriarty-type figure known as The Professor and a small gang of hoodlums with names like Sawn-off Carlo, Ralph the Disappointment and Flash Alice. Their collective name is The Bad Men, and their dastardly plan is to disrupt the deciding Test match between England and Imperia.

Among those who stand up for fair play and a straight bat are Joe Prestwick, the Glebeshire spinner whose parents are "but rough peasants who wrung a living from the soil", his fiancee Monica, the vicar's daughter, who is always "lightly swinging" something, and Sir Timothy Blood, father of the England cricket captain, who "would rather see the whole village dead at my feet than a man bowling in braces".

A few of the jokes show their age but Alington scores many more hits than misses, both on the pitch and off – his House of Commons sketch is masterly – and it would be a churlish cricket-hater indeed who would not laugh out loud at the best bits.

Rupert Morris

Salted human ears and other delights

Non-fiction

A literary Companion to Travel in Greece edited by Richard Stoneman (Penguin, £4.95)

Mr Stoneman has made an admirable selection of classical, historical and modern authors forming the kind of book he wishes he had had with him when he first visited Greece.

In his introduction he considers what makes people travel and finds that there are as many reasons as there are travellers. Mr Stoneman chooses James Thomson, Byron and Keats to set the Romantic tone. Thereafter his quotations are grouped by islands and mainland areas.

Mr Stoneman has chosen his contributors for their reactions to the idea of Greece and what it stands for: Keats, who who dreamed of his Grecian urn; Chesterton who thundered about Don John of Austria in "Lepanto", and Edward Gibbon, who never went there but gave his opinion in measured tones.

After one Greek rising ten barrels of salted human ears were sent to the Sultan "for his delectation". Julia Ward Howe, authoress of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", was one of the first American travellers, and was shown, in Argos, the head of a notorious brigand by a man taking it to Athens for identification. "Cut-lugged" Lithgow, so called because his ears had been trimmed by a lady's irate brothers, dared not go home and was in constant fear of pirates. Being homeless he knew that no one would ransome him.

Pindar, translated by Richard Stoneman, has the last word.

O shining, violet-crowned, song-famed
bulwark of Greece,
illustrious Athens,
city of the gods . . .

Lord Byron, selected letters and journals edited by Leslie A. Marchand (Picador, £3.95)

This brilliant selection from Leslie Marchand's majestic, 12-volume edition of the letters and journals of Byron, demonstrates that no biographer can hope to portray Byron as vividly as he portrays himself. Byron to Mary Shelley, November 14, 1822: "I am not a cautious letter writer and generally say what comes uppermost at the moment".

The Three Theban Plays by Sophocles translated by Robert Fagles, introductions and notes by Bernard Knox (Penguin Classics, £2.95)

Clear, dignified, and eloquent versions of these three towering Greek tragedies by the Professor of Comparative Literature at Princeton. Intelligent and inspiring commentary by the Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington.

Ulysses on the Liffey by Richard Elman (Faber, £2.95)

The master Joyce scholar and biographer provides the best brief guide to the mazes of the most difficult of entertaining novels and the most entertaining of difficult ones. He is erudite, witty, and persuasive about such puzzles, not beyond all conjecture, as why Stephen Dedalus pick his nose.

Blue Highways. A journey into America by William Least Heat-Moon (Picador, £2.95. In association with Secker and Warburg)

Jobless, William Least Heat-Moon (his tribal name) drove his partially converted half-tonner round the perimeter of the United States on secondary roads – the Blue Highways of the title. A first rate travel book with at least one memorable character on every page.

Victorian Pubs by Mark Girouard (Yale University Press, £7.95 hardback £20)

Beautifully illustrated and bubblingly written, this is a worthy addition to Mark Girouards's other books in print. It was first published in 1975 and records pub development from the tavern to the vulgar splendour of high prosperity. The great crash came in 1899 when pub property values dropped drastically.

Gontran Goulden and Philip Howard

Art of obsession, craft of regression

Fiction

The Arabian Nightmare by Robert Irwin (Dedalus Modern Fiction, £2.95)

The setting is medieval Cairo. The hero is an impressionable Englishman who tries to go on a pilgrimage to Sinai but is perpetually waylaid by sultans, spies, enchanters and talking animals, delusions and sexual fantasies. It is a story within a story within a story, complicated by various dreams and delusions which then become part of the narrative. Robert Irwin wittily juggles oriental thought with western theology and sexual fantasy and comes out laughing.

The Banquet by Carolyn Slaughter (Penguin, £1.95)

Controlled, precise, intense, steely, are words often used to describe Carolyn Slaughter's style. Even together they hardly express the power of this novel. It is about a lonely man in Kensington who becomes obsessed with a girl in the food hall of the local Marks and Spencer. He draws her into a careful net of candlelit dinners and luxurious lovemaking which at first intoxicates her, but always terrifies the reader.

As the man's obsession closes in on her she realizes she is its victim not its object, and struggles just enough to invite the final horror. It is an examination of obsessional love, so thorough that it makes it feel familiar – even normal. An extraordinary experience.

Pastors and Masters by Ivy Compton-Burnett (Allison & Busby, £1.95)

Almost uninterrupted dialogue – even by this author – can be exhausting. For once it is not quite enough to set up a group of middle-aged characters who have spent a lot of time together and show how they goad each other into displaying their weaknesses and failures. They elaborate their intolerance in terms of sweet, reasonable tolerance and their impatience for drama in phrases of calm detachment, but sometimes in a way which is almost too delicate to be effective.

Winter's Edge by Valerie Miner (Methuen, £2.95)

Urban community life in a run-down part of San Francisco is seen through the lives of two elderly working women. When there is a fiercely contested local election everyone takes sides and the pattern of their relationship shifts a little. They have to think harder about their own attitudes to their surroundings and how they developed them. Although we are told a lot about the lives and thoughts of the two women, they still seem a bit implausible. The author has tried to make their lives reflect so many urban issues that they seem ageless – which ruins the point.

Johnno by David Malouf (Penguin, £2.50)

This is a straightforward description of what it was like to be an Australian child growing up in Brisbane in the Second World War and then to discover Europe in the 1950s and 1960s. It is also about a particular kind of friend who is enough of an outsider to be a hero and enough of an insider to be a victim of other people's misconceptions. Johnno dies young, but his serious friend Dante, the narrator, remembers him as a sort of yardstick of his own youth.

Agents and Patients by Anthony Powell (Penguin, £2.50)

This early novel, written and set in the 1930s is like a kaleidoscope. A group of colourful, bizarre and oddly shaped characters are arranged and rearranged in various farcical situations. It may be a flower shop in London, a nightclub in Paris or a film studio near Berlin, but always the same people arrive there. They are often pursuing, sometimes avoiding each other, and one or other usually leaves abruptly, but they all meet up again at the next place. It is lighthearted and often very funny; less polished than Powell's later style and obviously less ambitious, but with the same minute comic observation.

Anne Barnes

GALLERIES

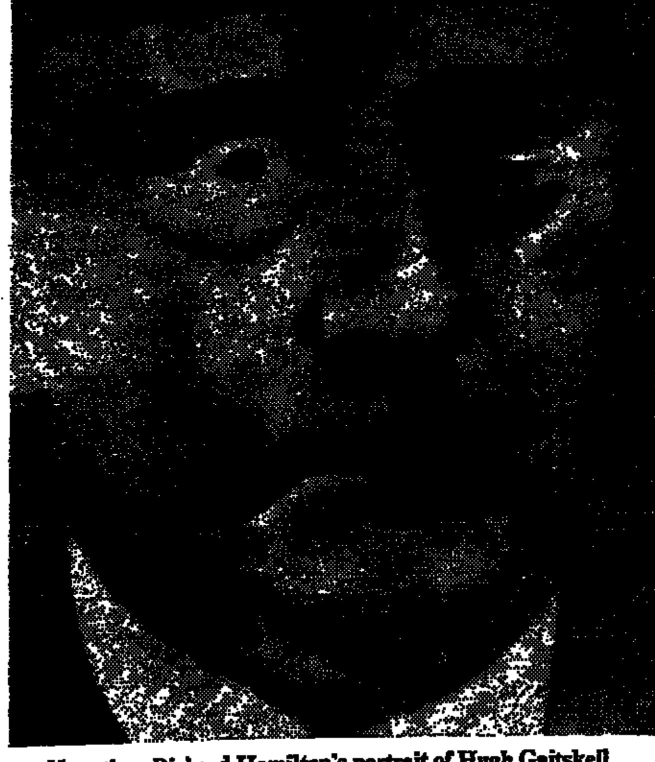
Art set free to face up to reality

This year the Arts Council is running three travelling shows with a difference. Instead of representing a single artist or even a single period, each uses a single theme to unify works from a variety of times and places.

The brief is, in the words of Michael Harrison, the assistant director for regional exhibitions, to "make people wake up". To this end he has given three bursary students reaching the end of their two-year Arts Council traineeship in exhibition organization what he calls a "very free rein".

The first exhibition, entitled "Semi-Detached", comprising 44 pictures of people in familiar places which, however, convey a sense of their isolation, has already opened at the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, in Swansea. It had an unfortunate start, as organizer, John Gillett, had to be removed to hospital suffering from tuberculosis.

Helena Tomlin, the organizer of the second exhibition, which opens at the Graves Art Gallery at Sheffield today, hopes for better luck. With her show, entitled "Headhunters", Helena has set out to "break public expectation of art being a mirror of nature". She says: "The artists I wanted to include all question outward appearances, forcing their audience to think more deeply. Can you really tell what a face shows? Are we really showing our true character as we go out and about?"



Haunting: Richard Hamilton's portrait of Hugh Gaitskell

Her first choice was Richard Hamilton's "Portrait of Hugh Gaitskell as a Famous Monster of Filmland", a haunting photomontage in which part of the Labour leader's face is covered with the features of Claude Rains as The Phantom of the Opera. The other 60 or so works include etchings by Goya, paintings by Lowry and Burra and sculpture by Henry Moore, as well as punk and fashion photographs.

Harrison and his trainees are critical of many museums and their exhibition policies. "Museum people have been trained in art history, but they are not used to looking at pictures", he says. "Academic catalogues don't meet the needs of the exhibition-going public. Our aim is to provide the information necessary to understand the work as a living experience rather than casting it back into the age it comes from".

All the same, Helena feels the need to provide the public with detailed information about the background to her pictures. She has also prepared quiz sheets for adults and children.

The third bursary exhibition, organized by Alison Redwood, opens at Durham in October.

Sarah Jane Checkland

"Headhunters" opens at the Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield (0742 734781), today. Until July 15, Mon-Sat 10am-8pm. Sun 10am-5pm. Then at the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne, from July 21.

THE WEEK

Photography

BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHY: 1839-1900
Victoria and Albert Museum, London (01-589 6371). Until Aug 19, Mon-Thurs 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm
The best British photography of the period including the famous shot of Brunel standing in front of the Great Eastern launch chains, and some less familiar, such as Edward Fox's study of an oak tree in winter and summer. All prints are original and the majority are from the V&A's own collection. Catalogue available, price £9.95.

FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Stills Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140). Until June 30, Tues-Sat 12.30-6pm
Sixty-four wrongly filed colour photographs which were rediscovered in 1978, documenting federal assistance programmes to impoverished farm families ravaged by the depression in the American south from 1939 to 1941. Included is work by Jack Delano, Russell Lee and Marion Post Wolcott, who were experimenting with the new Kodachrome film.

FRANK MEADOW SUTCLIFFE
Impressions Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York (0904 54724). Until July 17, Tues-Sat 10am-6pm
Forty-two original prints by Sutcliffe taken in and around Whitby between 1876 and 1900, demonstrating the candid, almost spontaneous feeling he could capture despite often cumbersome equipment.

LES FEMMES
Olympus Gallery, 24 Princes Street, London W1 (491 7591). Until June 26, Mon-Fri 11am-7pm
Jacques-Henri Lartigue, possibly the greatest amateur photographer this century, has lived a charmed life, blessed with both money and leisure. These photographs of the beautiful women who have, it seems, always surrounded him are a unique document of changing fashions in clothes and style. The exhibition celebrates Lartigue's ninetieth birthday. Pictures from 1902 to the present; he is, of course, still taking pictures.

BRITAIN IN 1984
The Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (240 5511). Until June 23, Tues-Sat 11am-7pm
Various aspects of life in Britain photographed by Don McCullin, Ian Berry, Raghubir Singh, John Davies and Paul Graham. The most interesting pictures are in McCullin's series on the run-down area of Spitalfields in London. A must for anyone interested in documentary photography. Also on show is "Down and Out in Paris and London", a strong set of pictures by Chris Schwarz.

VICTORIAN ART WORLD IN PHOTOGRAPHS
National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2 (930 1552). Until June 24, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm
Photographic studios proliferated during the Victorian period and any famous person was likely to be photographed for family and friends or to satisfy the public's curiosity. Those in the art world were no exception. This exhibition concentrates on photographs of Victorian painters, their families, studios and models.

HOCKNEY'S PHOTOGRAPHS
Cambridge Darkroom, Dales Brewery, Gwydir Street, Cambridge (0223 350725). Until June 24, Tues-Sat noon-8pm, Sun noon-6pm
This show of Hockney's "joiners" continues its national tour. It is a dazzling virtuoso performance.

Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Photography: Michael Young

Openings

PRERAPHAELITE AND SYMBOLIST WORKS: New gallery, new show. Peter Nahum (late of Sotheby's) and Caroline Cuthbert (late of the Anthony D'Offay Gallery) have joined forces, and their first exhibition includes works by Holman Hunt and J. W. Waterhouse as well as the Belgian Symbolist Lucien Levy-Dhurmer. Peter Nahum Gallery, 5 Ryder Street, London SW1 (930 6059). Opens Mon. Until July 13, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm.

TSWA-NATIONAL OPEN ART EXHIBITION: The first major collaboration between a regional arts association (South West Arts) and a regional television company (TV South West) takes the form of an art competition. In the exhibition, opening today, are 60 works selected from more than 2,400 entries. Judges include the artist Terry Setch, William Packer, the art critic for the *Financial Times*, and John Walters. Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth (0752 668000). Opens today. Until July 7, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm. Thereafter, Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol July 14-Aug 25; Ulster Museum, Belfast Sept 7-Oct 2.

BIRDS IN AN INDIAN GARDEN/OLD MASTER PRINTS: Two openings at Colnaghi's this week. The first has both naturalistic and aesthetic appeal. The artists, trained in the Mughal Court tradition, painted this record of the ornithology of India during the late 1700s in exquisite detail yet with economy of line. The second show is of high quality European prints from the fifteenth century to the nineteenth and includes works by Canaletto, Dürer and Rembrandt. P. & D. Colnaghi, 14 Old Bond Street, London W1 (409 3324). Opens Tues. Until July 14. Birds: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Prints: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

Selected

CARTIER-BRESSON PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS
Museum of Modern Art, Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733). Until July 29, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm
A photographer who has returned to his original calling as an artist. The works on show are sensitive and painstaking, involving processes and results quite different from those of his distinctive photographs.

CAPITAL PAINTING
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, London EC2 (638 4141). Ends tomorrow, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun noon-6pm
Last chance to see what the boss hangs in the boardroom, in this exhibition of paintings on loan from city firms. Includes works from tasteful contemporary collections like DeBeers, portraits of company chairmen and archive items such as a painting of the Canberra returning from the Falklands' fray.

PICASSO DRAWINGS
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (839 3942). Until June 29, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm
Fifty crayon and ink drawings, mostly of people, some humorous, sent for sale by the artist's granddaughter Marina.



Charmer: Lartigue's wife Florette in 1943 (see Les Femmes)

Entertainments

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Saturday 9 June 7.30 pm	BBC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHT MUSIC BBC Radio Orchestra Phoenix Masterworks Chorale Louis Clark (cond) Juan Martin (guitar) Rhythm in concert. £3.60, £4.80, £6.20, £7.50, £8.00 (only) BBC in assoc. with the GLC
Sunday 10 June 3.15 pm	IVO POGORELICH (piano) Bach English Suite No.2 in A minor, BWV 807. Mozart Sonata No 11 in A, K.331 Chopin Sonata £2, £3, £4, £5.50, £6.50, £8 Harrison/Parrott Ltd
Sunday 10 June 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Dennis Russell Davies (conductor) Alfred Brendel (piano) Beethoven Overture, Coriolan, Beethoven Piano Concerto No.1, Beethoven Symphony No 3 (Eroica) £2.30, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 RPO Ltd
Monday 11 June 7.30 pm	NATHAN MILSTEIN (violin) GEORGES PLUDERMACHER (piano) Bach Sonata in C, BWV 1005 Beethoven Sonata in G, Op.30 No.3. Paganini Caprices Nos 11 and 5; Franck Sonata in A. £2.75, £4.00, £5.50, £7.00, £9.00 Harold Holt Ltd
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Wednesday 13 June 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Vladimir Ashkenazy (conductor/piano) Ravel Mother Goose Suite, Mozart Piano Concerto in B flat, K 456, Beethoven Symphony No 6 (Pastoral) £2.80, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 (only) Philharmonia Ltd
Thursday 14 June 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yuri Temirkanov (conductor) Jean-Pierre Rampal (flute) Mozart Overture, Magic Flute, Mozart Flute Concerto in G, K 313 Tchaikovsky Symphony No 6 (Pathetique). £2.30, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 RPO Ltd
Friday 15 June 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Vladimir Ashkenazy (conductor) Gidon Kremer (violin) Sibelius The Tempest. Sibelius Symphony No.6 Sibelius Violin Concerto £2.30, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 Philharmonia Ltd
Saturday 16 June 7.30 pm	BBC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHT MUSIC Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra Eleanor Keenan, Keith Smith's Hefty Jazz, Georgie Fame, Jeff Hooper, Sweet Substitute, introduced by David Hamilton Band Parade. £2.30, £3.60, £4.80, £6.20, £7.50, £8.00 BBC in assoc. with the GLC
Sunday 17 June 3.15 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yuri Temirkanov (conductor) Eliso Virsaladze (piano) Tchaikovsky Suite, Swan Lake. Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1, Tchaikovsky Symphony No.6 (Pathetique). £2.30, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 (only) RPO Ltd
Sunday 17 June 7.30 pm	Geoffrey Burgon Requiem BERLIOZ TE DEUM LONDON SYMPHONY CHORUS London Symphony Orchestra Richard Hickox (cond) Jennifer Smith (sop) Charles Brett (c-ten) David Rendall (ten) Timothy Farrell (organ) £2.90, £3.90, £4.90, £5.90, £6.90, £7.90 London Symphony Chorus
Monday 18 June 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Kurt Sanderling (conductor) Lynn Harrell (cello) Prokofiev Sinfonia Concertante. Brahms Symphony No 4 £2.30, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 Philharmonia Ltd
Tuesday 19 June 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Norman Del Mar (conductor) Peter Donohoe (piano) Brahms Tragic Overture, Beethoven Piano Concerto No 4, Sibelius Symphony No.2 £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.00, £6.50, £7.50 In aid of the United Nations Asc
Wednesday 20 June 7.30 pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Uri Segal (conductor) Nigel Kennedy (violin) Tchaikovsky Fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet, Beethoven Violin Concerto, Dvorak Symphony No 9 (From the New World) £2.30, £3.60, £4.80, £6.20, £7.50, £8.50 Leonard Woolf
Thursday 21 June 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Kurt Sanderling (conductor) Cecile Ousset (piano) Wagner Prelude to Act 1, Lohengrin, Brahms Piano Concerto No 2: Shostakovich Symphony No.6 £2.30, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 Philharmonia Ltd

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Saturday 9 June 7.45 pm	LONDON ORPHEUS CHOIR London Orpheus Orchestra James Gaddarn (cond) Jacquelyn Fugelle (sop) Bruce Kershaw (bar) Leslie Pearson (organ) Fauré Pavane, Poulenc Gloria, Fauré Requiem. £3.00, £4.00, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 London Orpheus Choir
Sunday 10 June 2.00 pm	JOBS FOR A CHANGE FESTIVAL Poetry event featuring women writers including Ruth Fainlight, Carol Ann Duffy, Alison Fell, Hackney Writers Workshop, Basement Writers Group, Paola Dionisotti, Gillian Hanna, Maggie Ford, Carol Rumens. ADMISSION FREE Greater London Council
Sunday 10 June 7.15 pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Leonard Slatkin (cond) Thea King (clarinet) Jose-Luis Garcia (vln) Thomas Martin (d-bass) Barber Adagio for strings, Mozart Clarinet Conc, K 622, Symph No 41 (Jupiter), Bottesini Gran duo concertante for vln & d-bass £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 (only) E.C.O
Monday 11 June 7.45 pm	ACADEMY OF LONDON Richard Stamp (cond) Keith Snell (pno) Gary Kendall (bar) Mozart Symphony No 33, Mozart Piano Concerto in C minor, K 491 Barber The Lovers, for baritone, chorus and orchestra, Op 43 (1st Br pf) £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 Academy of London

Tuesday 12 June 6.15 pm	RFH Waterloo Room MUSIC OF EIGHT DECADES Simon Joly and Michael Finnissy will discuss Michael Finnissy's Ngano which will be performed later this evening in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. £1.00 Sinfonietta Productions Ltd
Tuesday 12 June 7.45 pm	MUSIC OF EIGHT DECADES London Sinfonietta BBC Singers Diego Masson (cond) Adrienne Csengery (sop) Roberto Gerhard Leo; Finnissy Ngano (1st pf); Boulez Improvisations sur Mallarmé: une dentelle s'abolit; György Kurtag Messages of the late Miss R. V. Troussova. £1, £2.50, £4.50, £5.50 Sinfonietta
Wednesday 13 June 7.45 pm	ERIC HOPE (piano) Liszt Bach Variations; Ballade No.2 in B minor; Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude, Nuages gris; La lugubre gondola; Debussy Preludes, Book I. £1.50, £2.00, £3.00, £4.00 Pro Arte Society
Thursday 14 June 7.45 pm	JOHN McCORMACK b. 14 June 1884 CENTENARY TRIBUTE Peter Kerr, Yvonne Egan, Colette McGahon, Hugh Mackey, Courtney Kenny. Prog inc lieder by Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, etc with arias & ensembles by Verdi, etc chosen from McCormack's repertoire. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 Irish Heritage
Friday 15 June 7.45 pm	THE MELOS ENSEMBLE OF LONDON Mozart Horn Quintet in E flat, K.407, Debussy Trio for flute, viola & harp; Ravel Introduction & Allegro for harp, fl, cl & strng quartet; Mozart Clarinet Quintet, K.581 £3.00, £4.00, £5.00 John Higham International Artists Ltd
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Sunday 17 June 3.00 pm	DANIEL BLUMENTHAL (piano) Beethoven Sonata in E flat, Op 7, Debussy Children's Corner Suite; Chopin Sonata in B minor, Op.58. The programme also includes works by Mendelssohn. £1.50, £2.50, £3.00, £3.50, £4.50 Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Sunday 17 June 7.15 pm	A FESTIVAL OF SONG AND DANCE The Zemel Choir Malcolm Singer (conductor) Maureen Creese (accompanist) The Oranim Israeli Dance Troupe. A programme of traditional and contemporary music and dance. £3.00 (only) The Zemel Choir
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Tuesday 19 June 7.15 pm	THE ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE MUSIC FESTIVAL Final Competitive Concert. Artists from the Commonwealth & the UK: Adrian Sims (pno) Lorna Anderson (singer) Nicholas Cox (woodwind) Gina McCormack (string) Auriol String Quartet. £1.50, £2.50, £3.00, £4.00, £4.50 The Royal Over-Seas League
Wednesday 20 June 7.45 pm	TATE MUSIC GROUP Robert Cohen (cello) Corelli Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No.2; Elgar Serenade for Strings; C.P.E. Bach Cello Conc in A, Vivaldi Cello Conc in B min; Mendelssohn Sinfonia No 10 in B min, Grieg Holberg Suite. £1.50, £2.50, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00 The Tate Music Group
Thursday 21 June 7.45 pm	WHITEHALL CHOIR Rosebery Orchestra Christopher Herrick (cond) Ann Mackay, Susan Anderson, Christopher Gillett, John New, Michael Pearce. Haydn Te Deum; Mozart Symphony No.40; Schubert Mass in E flat. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 Whitehall Choir
Friday 22 June 7.45 pm	ELISO VIRSALADZE (piano) Mozart Rondo in A minor, K.511; Schumann Fantasia in C, Op.17; Chopin Polonaise Fantasy in A flat, Op.61. Prokofiev Sonata No.2 in D minor, Op.14 £2.00, £2.50, £3.20, £4.00, £4.50 Harold Holt Ltd

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Saturday 9 June 7.30 pm	JANINE SOWDEN (piano) Mozart Sonata in A minor, K.310; Chopin Sonata in B flat minor, Op.35; Ravel Gaspard de la Nuit; Liszt Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude, La campanella. £2.00, £2.50 Erica Goddard
Sunday 10 June 1.00 pm	JOBS FOR A CHANGE FESTIVAL A concert featuring Vocem, Ivor Cutler, Grand Union Orchestra. ADMISSION FREE Greater London Council
Monday 11 June 7.30 pm	TRIO ZINGARA Haydn Piano Trio in E flat, Hob.XV 29; David Matthews Piano Trio, Op.34; Brahms Piano Trio No.2 in C, Op.87. £2.00, £2.50 Kirckman Concert Society Ltd
Tuesday 12 June 7.30 pm	FABER TRIO Louise Glanville (flute) James Sleigh (vla) Ruth Faber (harp) Debussy Sonata for fl, vla & harp, Keddy Adagio for vla & harp; Bax Elegiac Trio, Malcolm Lipkin Harp Trio (1st Ldn pf); wks by William Alwyn, William Mathias. £2.00, £2.50, £3.50 Festival Artists
Wednesday 13 June 7.30 pm	ALISON KELLY (violin) WINNIE WU (piano) Beethoven Sonata, Op 30/3; Scriabin Piece for left hand, Op.9/1, Poème, Op.32; Sonata Fantasy in G sharp min, R. Rodney Bennett Unaccomp Vln Snta No.2; Delius Vln Snta No.2; Brahms Vln Sonata, Op 108. £2.00, £2.50, £3.00 Westmorland Concerts/RAM
Thursday 14 June 7.30 pm	NAOMI DAVIDOV (piano) Beethoven Sonata in F minor, Op.2 No 1, Sonata in F minor, Op.57 (Appassionata), Sonata in C, Op.53 (Waldstein); Sonata in C minor, Op.111 (Please note complete change of programme). £2.50 Emperor Concerts
Friday 15 June 7.30 pm	DAVID HEATH (flute) JOHN LENEHAN (piano) Bach Sonata in E, BWV 1035, Taffanel Andante pastoral and scherzettino; Heath Rumania, Prokofiev Sonata No.2 in D, Op.94, Genin Carnival of Venice. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50 David Heath
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Thursday 21 June 7.30 pm	A concert in memory of MARC RAUBENHEIMER. Carol Cooper Martin Roscoe, Niel Immelman, Peter Bithell. Bach/Busoni: Chaconne in D min; Beethoven: Sonata in C min Op.111; Scriabin: Preludes from Op.11; Poème Op.32/2; Albéniz: Iberia Bk 1. £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2 Jane Gray
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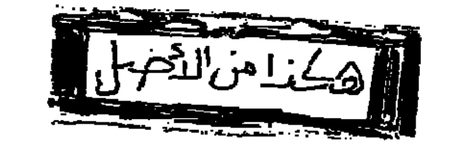
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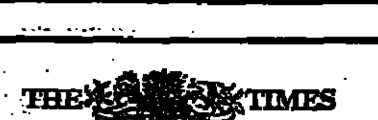
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Information remains Panel's priority

The latest report of the City's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers is a reminder of just how far the conduct of takeover bids on the Stock Exchange has improved to the benefit of the general run of shareholders under the panel's growing authority since the lawless days of the sixties.

There are always new wrinkles. On this occasion, the panel, under its chairman, Sir Jasper Hollom, points out the resurgence of last-minute leaks, which so often lead to a surge in share prices in the two days before a bid or merger is announced. Indeed, it has often been agile reporting of share price movements, such as in the case of Trafalgar and P & O, that has forced bids and bid talks out into the open.

Public information is the friend of the shareholder who does not expect to ring up his stockbroker hourly or while away the time in City bars. The panel is now suggesting that any sudden rise of 10 per cent or more in a share price should require an announcement, if only that talks are taking place that may or may not lead to a bid. This is a helpful guideline for companies and advisers whose immediate instincts during such talks naturally lie with discretion and delicacy.

As the system matures, however, there is always the danger of it becoming more legalistic and losing the principle of ensuring that more people receive more information before they make decisions. So many details and practice notes have crept onto the now unwieldy takeover rulebook over the years that the panel has been busy redrafting the whole thing to make it simpler and more geared to underlying principles than the increasingly obscure letter of the by-law.

Yet there are signs of legalism creeping in, not least in the panel's accounts which show mounting spending on legal advice, contributing to a 25 per cent rise in costs to £807,000 last year.

Yesterday for instance, Yuele Catto and its advisers, Henry Ansbacher, were reprimanded for disclosing a profit forecast by the hunted Donald Macpherson group, which had been given in confidence and which the Macpherson board had decided not to publish. That is bad form but not obviously harmful to shareholders' knowledge.

In another context, the panel report stresses its concern over personal interviews that appear in the press during takeover battles.

Couple this with the recommendation for early announcements on bid talks and you are moving towards something like the conduct of takeover battles by professionals in the artificial manner of the courtroom, where jurors often have to work out for themselves what has really been going on behind the scenes. This would not be in the interests of shareholders, who need to know as much as possible of the true background, the embarrassing boardroom squabbles and the real motives of participants if they are to make the most efficient and profitable decisions. It is not helpful to acheive equality of information by restricting information.

Disappointment ahead for bullion backers

Over the last four years gold has rarely failed to disappoint its supporters. The euphoria experienced when the peak of $850 an ounce was reached in 1980 owed much more to oxygen deprivation than to sound judgment. Since then, gold has been a poor investment, except for those fortunate or shrewd enough to turn short-term changes to advantage. Over the last 12 months of so, when the price has stubbornly refused to break decisively above $400, many investors have lost money.

But the preachers of America's bullion belt have held out and the feeling is creeping back into the market that this gloomy period is drawing to a close. Money supply figures on both sides of the Atlantic suggest to gold bugs that inflation will accelerate. The American current account deficit, running at about $100 billion this year, is deemed bad for the dollar. Political crises, notably the Gulf war and the implication for oil supplies and prices, and the deep freeze into which Soviet-American relations have been plunged are held to favour gold.

Investors should not be too gung-ho. A rise from, say, $400 to $450 an ounce is quite conceivable, especially if you believe the chartist entrails. But such a market is for the professionals. Individuals tend to buy too much too late, as the remaining stale bulls in the current market will testify. The chances of a roaring bull market resembling the good old days of 1980 are slim indeed.

The chief reason is simply interest rates and the overpowering attraction of dollar instruments. Gold has been a bad investment while dollar interest rates offer a real yield of five points. Gulf investors, for example, rather than buy gold recently have moved into dollars. Whatever the economic arguments about American policy, this position shows every sign of persisting. Over and over again it has proved unwise to gamble on a "relaxation" of Federal Reserve strategy.

Given that, the current account deficit will not undermine the dollar for some time. And even if it eventually does, gold is not the automatic beneficiary. A dollar depreciation menas the appreciation of the yen, or the Deutschemark or the Swiss franc or even sterling. If yields in these currencies, and perhaps still in dollars, are sufficiently attractive, money will flow into them, Gulf war or no Gulf war.

The underlying fact is that the structure of the gold market has changed. The price of bullion depends at the margin on a relatively small number of big investors taking a view on several hundred tonnes of gold out of the 1,000 or 1,200 tonnes which come on to the market each year. But since the historic price adjustment which occurred in the late 1970s those investors have become more hard-headed about gold's merits. Perhaps that is why, despite the fears in the Gulf, no significant break in the price above $400 an ounce has yet materialized. Yesterday, indeed, gold fell by $6 to $386.

Leutwiler ends a surprising reign

Yesterday's announcement that Herr Fritz Leutwiler will retire as head of the Swiss central bank and hence automatically as chairman of the Bank for International Settlements in Basle at the end of the year will end a surprising reign for the archetypal central banker at the head of what has become the central bankers' bank.

Herr Leutwiler brought the iron caution and financial rectitude of a Swiss banker to the job. Yet under the pressures of the international debt crisis he has found himself handing out what seemed unprecedented largesse as the BIS found itself putting up a whole series of bridging loans for, among others, Mexico, Brazil and Yugoslavia

At one extreme, Herr Leutwiler proved his Swiss banker's credentials by urging debtor countries to hand over oil wells and assets to cut the debt mountain in the Victorian manner. At the other, he found himself effectively urging more reflationary action on the likes of Mrs Thatcher so that the rich countries could act as buyers of last resort for the debtor countries' goods. These remedies may be questioned. But the summiteers in London this weekend might have one less headache if they had heeded Herr Leutwiler's warnings.

Ernst and Whinney will settle £850,000 Hedderwick claim

By William Kay, City Editor

Ernst and Whinney, one of Britain's biggest accountancy firms, yesterday agreed to pay £850,000 to the liquidator of the stockbroking firm of Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar, which defaulted in April 1981 owing £1m.

As a result, said the liquidator, Mr Martin Fidler, "the court hearing due to begin on June 18, 1984, will not now take place" This was to have heard a claim for £1.8m by Mr Fidler, alleging negligence on the part of Ernst and Whinney.

Even though the settlement is for less than half the amount claimed, it is a suprising concession by Ernst and Whinney, who were auditors to Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar for the purposes of examining Hedderwick's return to the Stock Exchange, part of the regular monitoring system.

The allegation of negligence related to Ernst and Whinney's apparent failure to spot malpractice in the broking firm's gilt-edged securities department.

In 1981, Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar was due to merge with the broking firm then known as Quilter Hilton Goodison, headed by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange.

However, only hours before the merger was formally due to take place, Touche Ross, the investigating accountants acting on behalf of Quilter Hilton Goodison, uncovered problems in "transactions carried out by clients of Hedderwick, especially during the past two weeks".

Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar was advised to cease trading at 3pm on April 10, 1981, half an hour before the time set for the merger. At 5.45, the firm was hammered and went into liquidation. It was recognized that, had the merger gone through, the Stock Exchange chairman's firm could have been dragged down too.



Sir Nicholas: took on Hedderwick clients.

Nevertheless, Quilter Hilton Goodison did take over the bulk of Hedderwick's private clients, including a unit trust called the Wickmoor Fund. Last year Quilter Goodison, as it is now known, agreed to pay £150,000 to Mr Fidler to reflect the benefit of this extra business.

Another £175,000 was received from Farrington Stead, a Manchester licensed dealer This and other payments mean that the liquidator has collected more than enough to settle the firm's debts.

Hedderwick's 22 partners were at one stage suspended from trading on the Stock Exchange and had to sell £400,000 of personal assets to meet the debts. Much of the Ernst and Whinney money will go to repay the partners. The auditors are also making a contribution to costs under yesterday's agreement.

That may not be the end of the matter. Mr Fidler has been in discussion with National Westminster, Hedderwick's bank, over interest payments amounting to £250,000 which may be recoverable

Ad agency issue flops

For the second time in a week a new issue has flopped. This time it is the advertising agency Lowe Howard-Spink Campbell-Ewald, famous for the ads claiming that Heineken lager "refreshes the parts that other beers cannot reach".

Only 1,257,924 shares were applied for by the public, 36 per cent of the 3,492,280 on offer. As a result, no one will pay more than the minimum tender price of 185p, though some commentators urged investors to offer as much as 200p.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1068.6 down 3.4; high: 1072.8; low: 1062.3.
FT Index: 831.4 down 1.8
FT Gilts: 78.90 up 0.16
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 17,829
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 106.22 down 1.03
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1127.69 down 4.74
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,350.93 up 34.93
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 964.21 up 2.07

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Sterling
$1.3940 down 25pts
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DM 3.7650 unchanged
FrF 11.5875 down 0.0025
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Index 130.5 up 0.3
DM 2.6985 up 0.0030

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3 month Fr F13⅝ - 13⁷⁄₁₆

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Sovereigns* (new): $91-92 (£62.25-66)
*Excludes VAT

US bond dealers dismissed

By Michael Prest

Marsh & McLennan, the world's biggest insurance broker, has dismissed eight executives after uncovering losses of $165m (£119m) from unauthorized bond trading

The company's treasurer and its chief bond dealer are among those dismissed, Mr John M. Regan, Marsh's chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting in New York yesterday.

Marsh bought the British insurance broking group, C. T. Bowring, for £258m four years ago. Other insurance companies and brokers have experienced difficult times since then – Alexander & Alexander, another American group, found itself embroiled in the problems at Lloyd's of London after buying Alexander Howden, another British broker – but Marsh appeared to weather the storm comparatively easily.

Then came the April revelation that Marsh had suffered heavy losses from unauthorized bond dealings, and shares tumbled to $40. (They were trading in New York at $40¼ yesterday.) The losses turned last year's first quarter net profit of $36.4m into a net loss of $28m this year.

Mr Regan confirmed that the unauthorized dealings had been in the group's corporate and fiduciary portfolios. Company rules had specified that long-term bonds should not be bought for investment purposes and that the investment namagement group should not run financed positions, he said.

It appears, however, that the group had breached these and New York State regulations to improve their cash-management performance. Losses incurred on "when issued" bonds – agreeing to accept bonds before they are issued – had been concealed by false reporting and by borrowing bonds.

Etam priced at £50m for flotation

By Philip Robinson

Etam, the 108-store women's wear retailing chain, is coming to the stock market with a £50m price tag. At the offer price, five of the 10 directors will become millionaires overnight.

County Bank and Simon & Coates, the stockbroker, are selling just over 13 million shares, a quarter of the issued capital, at 95p each. The company is making no profit or dividend forecast.

During the past four years the group has gone from a £3.1m loss to a £6.5m profit. Sales during the same period have jumped from £14.9m to almost £48m. A 2.5p total dividend was paid last year.

After a period of unexciting trading in the 1970s, the company was revamped with improved merchandise aimed at the 20 to 25 age range.

The company says results for the early part of the present financial year are running ahead of the same time last year.

Etam's chairman, Mr Alan Howard, is senior partner of Howard Kennedy, the company's principal solicitors. The managing director is Mr Rodney East, an accountant who joined the company in 1979

ITO wants redundancy costs shared

By Philip Robinson

International Thomson Organisation is in talks with other newspaper owners to share redundancy costs after the closure of its Manchester plant in three years.

Thomson's Withy Grove plant employs 1,800 people to print the northern editons of the *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror*, *Daily Telegraph* and the *News of the World*.

It has given notice to the prprietors that printing will cease at Withy Grove on December 31 next year. More time is being sought, particularly by Mirror Group Newspapers, while it finds other presses.

Mr Clive Thornton, chairman of MGN, says the search for his printing site in Manchester is progressing well. The *Daily Telegraph* announced this week that it is seeking planning permission for a plant on a seven-acre site on the Trafford Park Estate, Manchester.

Shared redundancy costs are part of present talks to keep Withy Grove open until June 1987.

Mr George Dunn, managing director of Withy Grove, said last night: "I have been told by International Thomson to give our customers as much elbow room as possible allowing the maximum time to get these plants going. There are discussions about redundancy costs. We have made no money at all on this plant for the past 14 years."

Thomson hopes that many Withy Grove printers will be taken on by the new plants. Redundancy will be paid to those who are not.

When Thomson made 364 redundant last year, terms were a month for every year of service

BAe shares up on hope of Thorn deal next week

By Our City Staff

Senior executives of Thorn EMI are this weekend studying information given them by British Aerospace on Thursday, to see if it merits any improvement in the planned terms of a merger between the two companies.

Thorn EMI is believed to have proposed a share exchange valuing British Aerospace at £850m, or 425p a share. Yesterday on the stock market, British Aerospace shares rose 10p to 390p on hopes that a deal may be struck next week.

"No new meeting is planned yet," said a spokesman for British Aerospace. "They – Thorn EMI – have gone away to assess our proposals. The managements of both sides are staying flexible so that they are able to move as required."

Parallel talks have been taking place between British Aerospace and GEC over a rival merger plan. GEC has a "cash mountain" of £1.5 billion, giving it ample firepower if it came to a shootout against the smaller Thorn EMI resources.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brierley raises TKM stake

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman controlling IEP Securities, has increased his stake in Tozer Kemsley & Milbourn, the car sales group to 15.84 per cent and plans to attend the annual meeting on July 11.

At that time, Sir Mntague Pritchard, TKM chairman, hopes to tell shareholders that a capital reconstruction has been agreed with he bankers. The banks gave broad approval of a further 12 monts support a week ago.

● **Sound Diffusion**, the comunications to catering equipment rental group, has increased pretax profits for the year to December 31, 1983, to £5.6m, up £3.2m. Turnover increased from £9m to £12.9m. The dividend of 0.348p is up from 0.29p in 1984. **Tempus page 22**

● **DEE CORPORATION**, which is staging an unwanted £230m takeover bid for Booker McConnell, announced yesterday that it owns 6,930,000 Booker shares, about 5.5 per cent of the company.

● **JAMES CAPOLONGO**, president of Ford Europe, has withdrawn his resignation after a rift with Mr Robert Lutz, executive vice-president of the groups international car business over company policy.

US envoy backs Hongkong's future

From Jonathan Clare, Hongkong

The senior US diplomat in Hongkong yesterday reaffirmed America's confidence in the future of the colony in world trade.

Mr Burton Levin, the Consul-General, said the new Exchange Square building, at HK$8,000m (£763m) the most expensive development project in Asia, was a commitment to the future.

He said in a message to Sir Edward Youde, the Governor, who "topped out" the building yesterday: "I am sure Exchange Square will become a symbol of Hongkong in years to come and of the continued prosperity the territory will enjoy."

The Consul-General's support came only a day after he had made the first official US statement on Hongkong's future after 1977, which supported the colony's continuing role in world finance.

Hongkong is the world's largest financial centre after London and New York, and the second biggest market for US investment after Japan.

Office rents in Hongkong have fallen by between 30 per cent and 45 per cent in the last two years but local property agents and analysts believe the collapse has stopped.

Outlook unsettled as sales reach saturation

Garden market loses its bloom

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

This weekend, with sunny weather forecast, should see garden centres and garden equipment shops thronged as the £296m industry reaches the peak of its selling season, which runs from just before Easter to the end of this month.

But even though there are more than 16 million gardens in Britain needing power aids, especially lawnmowers, as well as tools, greenhouses, sheds and those latest fashionable items, the barbecues and garden furniture, the market is stagnating. And profit margins of manufacturers are poor to non-existent.

This emerges from a survey by Key Note Publications which reports that some companies are expecting volume to fall by 2 per cent a year over the next few years.

For companies that can survive, the longer-term prospects are brighter. This is partly because of expectations of increased leisure and additional spending power, but also because of a higher proportion of older people, who will spend more time gardening.

A financial analysis by Key Note, taking in some 1983 results, showed only three companies in profit during three years. Margins, measured by the ratio of profits to sales, were narrow and at best running to around 3 per cent although in 1983 Birmid Qualcast, the lawnmower manufacturers, managed 4.9 per cent.

Lawnmowers account for 37 per cent of the market, far the largest single sector, with hand tools taking 14 per cent and other power tools like hedge trimmers 10 per cent. Greenhouses and garden furniture each account for an estimated 10 per cent.

Lawnmowers sales, hitherto a growth market, now appear to be stagnating as market saturation has probably been reached.

Key Note estimates 1983 volume market shares as Qualcast 39 per cent, Flymo 32 per cent and Black & Decker 20 per cent.

Garden Equipment, second edition: Key Note Publications, 28-42 Banner Street, London EC1Y 8QE: £60.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Ferguson Lacey bids for Lincroft

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey yesterday launched the first takeover of his business comeback. John Finlan, the building group where his Amadeus group of Bermuda has a 20 per cent interest, is bidding for control of **Lincroft Kilgour**, the clothing group.

But Mr Ferguson Lacey, whose former quoted vehicle NCC Energy hit trouble two years ago, is not planning to buy his way into the textile trade.

Instead he wants to use Lincroft as a cash raising rights issue. His offer is entirely in shares. He has, in exchange for Finlan shares, already captured 23.78 per cent of Lincroft by buying the stake held by Drayton Consilidated, closely related to the Midland Bank.

He then intends to offer 25 Finlan shares for every 41 Lincroft units. The Ferguson Lacey arrival spurred the clothing group's shares 13p to 119p.

Mr Ferguson Lacey says the object of the deal is to raise cash for Finlan's building and developing business. Lincroft has a cash and investments pile worth about £3m.

The existing clothing business will be stripped out and sold – probably to the existing management.

All that could prevent this audacious move in the still largely untested Ferguson Lacey comeback is the attitude of the Lincroft board which is headed by Mr Anthony Holland. Whether he is willing to accept this blatant display of asset stripping remains to be seen.

Plessey fell 2p to 216p despite a firm "buy" recommendation from Grieveson Grant, the stockbroker.

But **Amersham International** recovered an early fall to stay at 228p after stockbrokers de Zoete and Bevan forecast a 19 per cent profits advance to £13.3m when the company reports on Monday.

However de Zoete is not enamoured with the shares. They "are unlikely to show much progress in the near term", it says.

USM dealings in shares of the Global Group, a six-year-old meat exporter and importer, are due to start next Thursday. Stockbroker Schaverien & Co has placed 750,000 shares at 67p, pricing the company at £2.7m. After the placing the directors, Mr Eric Epsom, Mr Bob Mollison and Mr Peter Wellard will hold 78 per cent of the capital.

Delyn, the packaging group, gained 6p to 108p after investment consultants John Carrington (and associates) disclosed its shareholding at 21.9 per cent.

Elswhere in the equity market it was a day of mixed fortunes as prices opened steady, but quickly lost ground only to recover in late trade. The jobbers attempts at leading the market lower failed and the first sign of a few cheap buyers had them on the run.

The FT index opened 1.8 lower before drifting a further 5 points. After lunch sentiment took a turn for the better as the miner's agreed to meet with the NCB next week and this enabled the FT index to register a net 1.8 down at 831.4. The FT-SE 100 put up a similar performance closing 3.4 down at 1068.6 having been 8.4 down earlier in the day.

Among the leaders, **Beecham** attracted support rising 7p to 340p ahead of figures next week. Analysts estimates range from £280m to £290m compared with £231m last year. The shares are also said to have achieved a chart breakout which has also attracted support. **Metal Box**, also reporting next week, was another to attract attention climbing 6p to 346p.

Others to find support included **Glaxo** 5p to 835p, **ICI** 2p to 568p, **Imperial Group** 2p to 153p, **Unilever** 5p to 875p and **Fisons** 2p to 185p.

Government securities barely stirred from their overnight levels after the buyers withdrew to the sidelines as the outlook for US interest rates again became uncerain. Selective support was enough to add £¼ to price in longs, here and there, but turnover was down to a trickle. The FT Government Securities Index still managed to put on 0.16 to close at 78.90.

Sound Diffusion lost a couple of pence after reporting full year figures which fell short of market expectations. Pretax profits rose from £3.24m to £5.63m on increased sales up from £12.9m. But the shares rallied later in the day following a seminar where the analysts came away quite cheerful. The shares closed 3p dearer at 135p.

Commodity traders **Gill and Duffus** suffered from a cautious annual meeting statement, dipping 18p to 177p. S and W **Berisford** lost 5p to 179p in sympathy.

Barratt Development was again under pressure as analysts continue to downgrade their profit forecasts and the market grows more and more anxious about the next set of figures. Comments following recent sales from the group's land bank sent the shares down 80p to 90p which equals their 1984 low point. At one time this year the shares were 188p. Only last year they were 290p.

After Rowe and Pitman, it is the turn of stockbrokers Laurie Milbank to suggest that shares of Pheonix Assurance are a sale. They, too, feel a bid is unlikely and say: "Given that the present share price is underpinned by bid hopes the shares look vulnerable." Yesterday, they rose 2p to 445p.

The company has in recnt years enjoyed spectacular growth with profits surging to £52.2m in the period to end June last year. Nowadays forecasts have been trimmed to as low as £34.

European Ferries weakened 2½p to 103p as the row about the group's scheme to lessen its perks load intensified; **Associated British Ports** dipped 10p to 238p as worries about the coal strike eroded sentiment.

Poor results trimmed **Tomkinson**, the carpet makers, 16p to 108p and engineers **Elswick Hopper** was another figures casualty with further losses chipping 1½p off the shares at 8p.

Leisuretime International, the Aitken Hume influences holidays group where restaurant group **Kennedy Brookes** has built up a 7 per cent interest and is about to clinch board representation, gained 3p to 71p. And a revival of speculation at **Rowton Hotels**, which has still to resolve the bitter boardroom row about the company's future direction, lifted the shares 5p to 198p.

In stores **Debenhams** again raced away with a 5p rise to 177p as hopes of a bid for the company continued to mount in the market. Mr Leonard Sainer, chairman of Sears Holdings, has already denied rumours he is interested in the company and says he is not prepared to bid for anything yet.

Few in the market would be surprised if Sears did emerge as the eventual bidder.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The Continental holiday on Monday was the main influence on currency markets, and in very thin trading, rates fluctuated narrowly.

Most banks just tidied up for the weekend. They were not prepared to take up any substantial fresh positions pending the Summit communique, though few dealers expected any positive moves over interest rates.

Sterling moved between 1.3975 and 1.3940, slightly below its overnight of 1.3965 to the dollar.

No real trend developed against other leading currencies, though the pound finished marginally better in places, including the Deutschemark 3.7670 (3.7650), Swiss franc, 3.1375 (3.1350), and yen, 323.00 (322.75).

MONEY MARKETS

In a reversal of Thursday's trend, period rates softened slightly, encouraged by the better-than-expected money supply figures from the United States.

But with the longer term outlook still very uncertain, operators mostly limited their activities to preweekend tidying of positions.

One month sterling certificates of deposits were issued during the morning at 9$\frac{3}{16}$ per cent, while the afternoon was notable only for small business in "threes" at 9$\frac{5}{16}$ per cent and in "ones" at 9$\frac{3}{16}$ per cent.

Interbank, overnight money traded in the range of 9¼-9 per cent for most of the session, although late trading saw the rate touch 10 per cent before closing at about 9 per cent.

TEMPUS

Charts foretell year of the bull

The world's stock markets have collectively gone into merry-go-round mode in the last few weeks. Up and down, round and round, leaving the experts wondering where it will all end. At such times it is tempting to turn to the charts and see what they perceive about the future of the world.

Mr Robin Griffiths, technical analyst at Grieveson Grant, has been taking a long, hard look at his charts and his message is quite simple. Either it is time to buy into Wall Street or everything else is a sell.

The attraction of Wall Street stems from the comparison of its p/e ratio with those in London and Tokyo. In Japan, the average p/e ratio is high at 34, falling to 16 in London and about 7 in New York. This is the traditional pattern, but the differentials appear out of step, with Wall Street looking decidedly cheap.

Mr Griffiths also believes that the American stock market is approaching its selling climax and might even have reached its bottom. The charts indicated that when the Dow Jones reached around 1050 it would be the end of the fall. The index has been as low as 1089 which makes it a difficult decision to call.

If the bottom has been reached or even if there is still some way to fall, the US still offers some attractive stocks. On the Grieveson Grant buy list you will find IBM, Hewlett Packard, Tandy and Schlumberger, the oil service company.

The joker in the pack which could still ruin the bulls' party is of course the American economy.

One of the reasons for Mr Griffiths' confidence that world stock markets are still in a bull phase is the forecasts of economic progress until at least 1986. The stock markets normally anticipate the economic cycle by between three and 12 months. If we do not see a downturn in the world economy until 1986 it means a bull market will last into 1985.

On top of this, the London, Tokyo and New York markets have all performed better than the chartists' great indicator, the 200-day moving average.

While this trend continues it is an indication that we are still in a bull market. The significant drops which have been experienced recently are dismissed by the charts as no more than shakeouts to adjust strong and mature markets.

The semantic but nonetheless important question is when is a shakeout no longer a shakeout but a full-blooded bear. The next few months will be crucial.

Sound Diffusion

Shares in Sound Diffusion are not bought for their yield. The gross dividend in 1983 is 0.5p. On a share price of 136p, up 4p on yesterday's results, that amounts to not very much. Yet the company has attracted a substantial following. A price earnings ratio which has consistently been in excess of 30 implies that investors expect a lot.

These expectations are not without foundation. Pretax profits for 1983 increased by 73 per cent to £5.6m and there is every sign that this progress can be sustained. By the end of this month the company will have completed more new rental installations than during the whole of 1983.

The traditional market place for Sound Diffusion was hotels and nursing homes, happy to rent ther communications, alarm and security systems which were the mainstay of the business. Now the company has expanded into such areas as catering, lifts and leisure equipment.

Sound Diffusion now manufactures very little of the products it rents to its customers, giving greater flexibility when reacting to demand and also avoids heavy fixed manufacturing costs.

While the overall trading prospects look very encouraging, the company has been posed with a minor irritation in the shape of Chancellor Nigel Lawson's Budget. The Budget measure to phase out first year capital allowances has had an impact on the company's lease-type sale of income from rental agreements to the financial institutions to raise cash flow.

Payments of mainstream corporation tax now loom in the future. The company is having to rethink its strategy on financing cash flow through the sale of the income from the rental agreements.

It has been a very succesful method of raising cash. In 1984 about 30 per cent of new business will be tied up under this type of arrangement where the company receives a lump sum for a proportion of the rental income. The agreement reverses for the latter part of the agreement which means Sound Diffusion then receives the rents itself.

The first of these reversions take place in 1985, releasing £900,000 straight to pretax profit. With more to come in the following years, Sound Diffusion might even be in a position to improve its dividend payout.

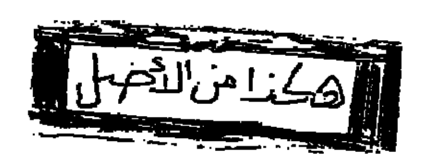
BET

British Electric Traction's shareholders now have the company's official version of its proposed deal to sell the Rediffusion TV rental interests to Granada and to take over the 60 per cent in Initial which it does not already own.

For BET investors it all looks a very good deal. But what of Initial? The offer values Initial at 510p per share on yesterday's prices. However, there is no guarantee that the Initial board will recommend the deal.

For the year to March 31, 1983, Initial produced earnings per share of 34.7p against BET's 27.1p and a forecast 27.7p in 1983/84. Initial paid a dividend of 12.8p in 1982/83 against BET's 10p and a forecast 12p for 1983/84.

It is not surprising that BET wants to buy but it might have to improve its offer before Initial shareholders can be persuaded to sell.



WALL STREET

Dow slips in early trading

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.51 to 1130.93 shortly after the market opened.

Advances led declines by 460 to 373. Early turnover amounted to about 6.16 million shares.

Analysts said the market, which has shown signs of wanting to move higher, is looking for a catalyst.

They said some investors might have been encouraged by the Federal Reserve's report after Thursday's session that the US money supply fell $2.4 billion (£1.7 billion) in the latest statistical week. Most experts had expected an increase.

Federal funds rates dropped to 10⅝ per cent in trading after rising to 11 per cent on Thursday.



Zygal Dynamics doubles profits

Zygal Dynamics, the USM-quoted computer printers and terminals group has come bouncing back from its setback in 1982-83.

Pretax profits for the year to March 31 more than doubled to £347,000, compared with £164,000 in the previous year and £320,000 in 1981-82.

Group turnover expanded by 57 per cent to £5.2m. The dividend is being maintained at 0.75p.

Zygal's board explains that to maintain expansion in existing business areas and to take full advantage of other opportunities, up to £1.2m is to be noted through the issue of new ordinary 5p shares to a small number of City institutions at 92p each.

The board is optimistic about the current year, provided there is no significant downturn in the economy.

In brief

- CHURCHBURY ESTATES: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £5.83m (£6.61m). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £3.32m (£2.32m). Total dividend 18.5p (14.5p). Fully-diluted net asset value per share at year-end was 855p (815p).
- LAW LAND: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £5.8m (£6.09m). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £3.42m (£2.43m). Total dividend 3p (2.3p). Net asset value per share at year-end was 151p (144p).
- TURRIFF CORPORATION: Turriff has agreed to buy from Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings) the 50 per cent of the capital of Abelson Plant (Holdings) not already owned for £1m cash.
- BURRUPS PRINTING GROUP: Burrups, a member of the Extel Group, has bought Westerham Press, a private company, for £250,000 cash.
- TRONOH MINES MALAYSIA: The chairman warns in his annual statement that the current year's profits are likely to be lower than the previous year.
- ARGUS PRESS GROUP: Argus, a B E T offshoot, has bought Quicksilva, a computer games software company, and its US associate, Quicksilva Inc., for an undisclosed sum.
- EDINBURGH INVESTMENT TRUST: In his annual report, the chairman says it should be possible to recommennd a further rise in the dividend next year.
- MCINERNEY PROPERTIES (Figures in Irish currency): Pretax profit £3.52m (£3.31m) for 1983. Dividend 5p (4.5p).
- FKI ELECTRICALS: F K I has bought Burndept, makers of radio communications equipment. Initial price: £1.16m cash and 1.72 million ordinary shares in F K I. Further cash sum may be payable.
- JAMES BURRROUGH (Distiller of "Beefeater" gin): Year to Feb 29, 1984. Turnover £57.45m (£46.1m) Pretax profit £7.79m (£5.06m). Dividend 9.6p (8p). Scrip issue of one 9 per cent preference share for every four ordinary shares held.
- PRIVATE PATIENTS PLAN: Private Patients Plan, the private medical insurance group, has another record year in 1983, with a surplus of £8.1m.
- MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR: Proceeds received to date from disposals of land in 1984 will, when added to proceeds already available to the Custodian, enable the company to make a payment to stockholders in 1985 of 1p per £1 unit.
- JEFFERSON SMURFIT GROUP: In his annual report, Mr M. W. J. Smurfit, the chairman, tells shareholders that US investor interests in Jefferson Smurfit Corp are more focused on capital growth. As a result, the group's dividend strategy will be taking this into account as its main income is expected to come from this company in the foreseeable future. The group will, however, have substantial cash flow for re-investment in the business. Without any big acquisitions, the group's debt to equity ratio would drop significantly in the next few year.
- FIRST UNION GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST: Half-year to June 30, 1984 (estimated): Net income, after tax, R8.46m (about £4.7m), against R8.81m. Interim payment 7 cents (6.5 cents).
- FIVE OAKS INVESTMENTS: Subject to shareholders' approval, Five Oaks has agreed to buy, from Celadon Finance, a 9,300 sq ft period office building on a site of more than two acres at Edgbaston, Birmingham. Price: £935,000 in shares.
- CHAPMAN INDUSTRIES: Chapman is buying Doncaster Packaging, based in Yorkshire, for £780,000 cash.
- COPE ALLMAN INTERNATIONAL: Aynsley Trust has notified Cope Allman on behalf of Midepsa Inc, that Midepsa has acquired an interest in 5.1 million ordinary shares (13.41 per cent). These were previously owned by British Car Auctions or its nominees. On June 5, 1984, Hawley Group acquired a further 75,000 ordinary shares. Its total holding in now 30.18 per cent of Cope's capital.

FAMILY MONEY

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account – no interest paid. Deposit accounts – Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 5¼ per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. National Girobank 6 per cent. Lloyds extra interest 8¼ per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9⅛ per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 – 1 month 8.0, 3 months 8.25, 6 months 8.5 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

MONEY FUNDS

Fund	Flat	APR	Telephone
Aitken Hume monthly inc	8.75	9.11	01 638 6070
B of Scotland	8.08	9.16	01 628 8060
Britannia call	8.75	9.11	01 588 2777
Mallinhall call	8.75	9.05	01 499 6634
Oppenheimer Simco High interest deposit account	8.38	8.56	01 236 3687
S & P call	8.34	8.07	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	7.93	8.22	01 382 6225
" over £10,000	8.18	8.49	01 382 6226
Tullet & Riley	7.73	8.94	01 236 0952
T & R 7 day	8.79	9.01	01 236 0952
Tyndall 7 day	8.25	8.51	0272 732241
Tyndall call	8.62	8.88	0272 732241
UDT 7 day	8.[illegible]	8.83	01 623 3020
Western Trust 1 month	8.69	9.04	0752 261162
Henderson Money Market Cheque Account	8.75	9.11	01 638 5757
M & G Hica	9.0	9.42	01 626 4588

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts – interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per cent. Investment Account – 9¼% interest paid without deduction of tax, months notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £50,000.

National Savings Certificates 27th Issue
Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 7.25 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Min investment £2,000 – max. £50,000. Interest – 10 per cent variable at six weeks notice – paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice – check penalties.

National Savings 2nd index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1984 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1983 and October 1984 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in June 1979, £170.99 including bonus and supplement.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.
2 years Canterbury Life and Capital Life 8.5 per cent. 3 years Capital Life 8.75 per cent. 4 years Liberty Life 9.3 per cent. 5 years Pinnacle Insurance 9.5 per cent.

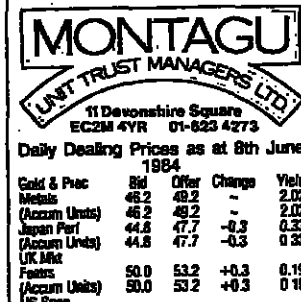
Foreign currency deposits
Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Intl. Reserves 0481 26741. seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

Sterling	7.63 per cent
US dollar	9.87 per cent
Yen	5.03 per cent
D Mark	4.42 per cent
French Franc	11.15 per cent
Swiss Franc	2.13 per cent

April RPI: 349.7 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month)





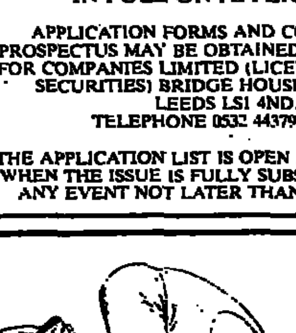


Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

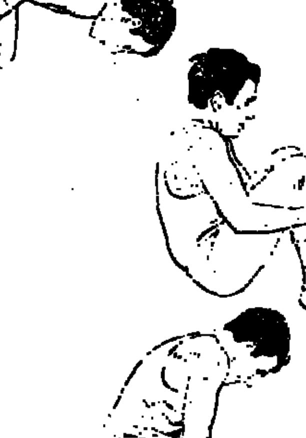
† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%; £50,000 and over, 7½%.









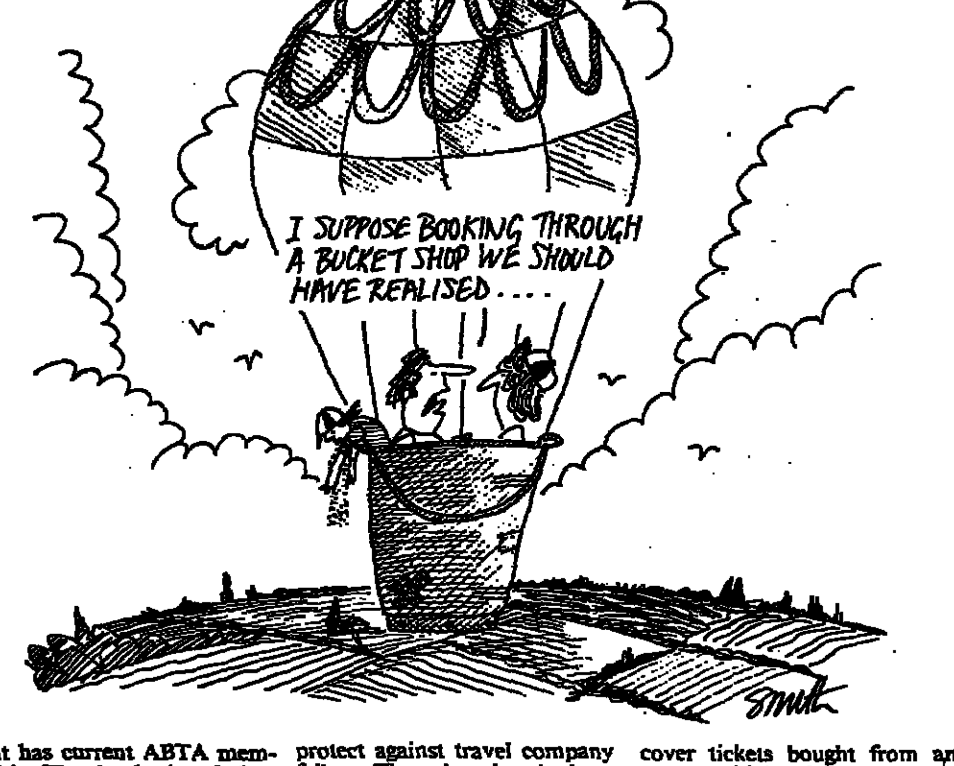




FAMILY MONEY

TRAVEL

Ensuring your holiday plans don't crash before take-off



When a fat brown envelope thudded on to my doormat one morning last year, just two weeks before I was due to fly to New Zealand, I expected it to contain the air tickets for which I had paid nearly £800. Instead I found a letter telling me that the travel agent I had used was going into liquidation.

It had not been a member of the Association of British Travel Agents so there would be no refund, and unless I had insured the tickets I would have to join the list of unsecured creditors, the accountant's letter said.

I had fallen into practically every trap in the travel business. And I had learned my lesson the hard way, being left with no tickets and an empty bank account.

Not only had I simply assumed that my travel agent was a member of ABTA but I had also been careless about insurance. I had always bought travel insurance in the past, but usually at the last minute worrying mainly about illness or theft on voyage. I had not given much thought to how it could protect me against ailing travel agents, or tour operators.

Many people are still taking risks particularly with "bucket shop" deals but by following a few rules they could cut them to a minimum, even when buying heavily "laundered" discount air tickets. Insurance policies specially designed to cover tour operator, transport company and agency failure are becoming more widely available.

Competition in the travel business is fierce this year and profit margins are under pressure. The upshot will almost certainly be company failures, perhaps a lot more than in 1983 when ABTA recorded 27 in the financial year ended last June. Few of these hit the headlines but that doesn't mean the consequences for the individual are any less painful than if they are big, well-known companies.

A would-be traveller's first means of defence is to book through an ABTA member, advice which is not to new many people. It is also worthwhile double-checking that the agent has current ABTA membership. The sign in the window should carry an expiry date.

ABTA members and tour operators contribute to a fund or participate in a bonding scheme. This ensures that customers are reimbursed if an ABTA member's business collapses. In the year to last June this "protection money" totalled nearly £190m.

Most of the carriers ABTA members use also contribute to their own bonding systems. If you are buying a charter flight and the agent is not a member of ABTA check that it has an Air Travel Organiser's Licence as this is backed by a bonding scheme.

Like every good rule though, there can be exceptions and the agent may be able to give what sounds like a good reason for making you wait. This is where insurance starts to come into its own.

There are polices with indemnity clauses built in or offered as an optional extra designed to protect against travel company failure. They also plug the loop holes in the confusing system of bonds and protection funds.

The most widely available indemnity insurance shemes are the Extrasure Travel Indemnity Plan and the one included in Abtasure comprehensive travel policy. The latter comes with built-in indemnity and will pay up to £1,000 on financial failure of ABTA or other approved companies. But the policy is specific about what it covers and if you are in doubt, you should ask. ABTA claims the policy can save the jilted traveller a lot of anguish. The policy will produce refunds on collapses more quickly than any bond.

The Extrasure Travel Indemnity Plan – TIP for short – is a good policy for the bargain hunter who can not get the travel he or she wants from an ABTA agency. There is no qualification on where the policy must be bought. Extrasure says it can also be used to cover tickets bought from an agent which does not sell Extrasure. So you can buy your cheap flight and take out your insurance with Extrasure direct on the same day to cover it.

TIP comes as an optional extra to its main travel insurance package. The TIP premium for worldwide indemnity cover on one trip for up to 12 months is £3 and pays up to £3,000.

There are no excesses on either the Abtasure indemnity clause nor Extrasure's TIP option.

If your travel agent does not volunteer information about this type of cover ask for it. Understandably they can be shy about offering to protect you against their own failure. Like any other travel insurance, indemnity should be bought when you buy the tickets and make sure you get your insurance certificate when you pay the premium.

Maria Scott

UNIT TRUSTS

Japanese funds still dominate performance list

The worldwide shake-out in stock markets took its toll on unit trust performances last month. Only a handful of funds managed any gains in May, while price losses extended to nearly 25 per cent over the four weeks.

Stock exchanges took their cue from Wall Street. Here, news of the problems at Continental Illinois was the final straw for investors already facing up to the prospect of higher domestic interest rates, a soaring US budget deficit and renewed conflict in the Middle East. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell some 6 per cent over the month.

However, that setback was fairly modest compared with the reaction on other markets, which had previously appeared to be complacently swimming against the tide this year. The Tokyo New Stock Exchange index tumbled by 10 per cent – slightly less than our own *FT* Actuaries All-Share. The Australian indices were the greatest casualties, with the Metals and Minerals Index slumping by a massive 19.9 per cent during May.

Despite the Tokyo fall, Japanese trusts still hold all but one of the top 10 places in the performance table for the past 12 months. There was, though, a wide range in experience among the Japanese funds in May. Manulife Far East and M & G Japan Smaller Companies both benefited from being recent launches and are still largely in cash. Their prices stood virtually unchanged over the month. At the other extreme, Allied Japan and Oppenheimer Japan Growth suffered price losses of more than 18 per cent over the past four weeks.

Economic prospects for Japan remain good and the yen is regarded as cheap, particularly as it becomes more prominent as a "trading" and "reserve" currency. However, several managers still remain cautious on the stock market's immediate outlook.

Turning to Britain: those funds going for income rather than capital growth are making the running. Several such trusts stand in close contention with Far Eastern funds in the one-year league table, while four are now listed among the top performers this year.

The explanation lies primarily with the restructuring of much of British industry over the last few years. Traditionally, the equity income funds have looked to engineering and manufacturing for many of their income stocks. A lot of companies in these areas are now emerging from the recession more cost efficient and profitable.

US funds still languish at the wrong end of the short-term performance listings. The worst casualties over the past year have been those trusts specializing in the smaller company and technology sectors. These have had a rough ride since the US shake-out started last summer. Aitken Hume American Technology and GT Technology & Growth currently stand nearly 30 per cent lower than a year ago.

Joining them at the bottom of the table are those specializing in Australia. Falling stock exchange indices around the world and weaker metal prices brought about a dramatic reaction "down under" last month. Seven Australian funds recorded price losses of more than 20 per cent. Schroder Australia suffered the worst with a 24.6 per cent decline.

Current value of £100 invested 5 months ago to June 1

Unit Trust	Value at 5 months
Oppenheimer Income & Growth	118.4
Quadrant Recovery	118.4
HBL Scandinavian	118.3
Manulife High Income	117.4
Mayflower Income	116.8
Target Special Sits	116.6
HBL Smaller Companies	116.2
Vanguard High Yield	116.0
McNally Delphi Income	115.9
Mercury Recovery	114.9

Mike Hockings

Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

Authorized Unit Trusts

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Current Bid	Current Offer	Current Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Current Bid	Current Offer	Current Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FAMILY MONEY

Long-term saving

For people with £1,000 or more to invest, British National Life, part of British National Insurance Group, is introducing two investment schemes. First, the Guaranteed Income Bond, which is a five-year contract, with a guaranteed bonus rate of 9.25 per cent per annum net (equivalent to 13.21 per cent gross for the basic rate taxpayer). Capital is returned in full at maturity and capital plus accumulated bonuses is payable to the bondholder's estate in the event of death.

Secondly, the Guaranteed Growth Bond offers a return of £1,532 at the end of five years for every £1,000 invested. Details from British National Life Assurance Company (Tel: Haywards Heath (0444) 414111).

Legal costs covered

Norwich Building Society is breaking new ground for homebuyers by including legal expenses insurance in its optional home insurance buildings and contents package.

This cover is underwritten by DAS Legal Expenses Insurance which will pay the legal costs if the homebuyer becomes involved in disputes with suppliers of goods or services, including retailers and professional advisers, which affect his legal rights.

Further details from DAS, (Tel: Bristol (0272) 290321) or Norwich Building Society, (Tel: Norwich (0603) 660081).

High income fund

WestAvon Securities has launched a high income fund targeted to produce a gross income of 15 per cent in the first year. Interest is payable quarterly, without deduction of tax, starting in September.

The fund will invest principally in medium-dated, high coupon government stock, managed to provide a higher level of income which is likely to result in a small capital shortfall. This shortfall is then made up by writing traded options in the London market against the security of the gilt portfolio.

The fund is particularly suitable for those requiring a high, untaxed income. Many retired investors will find this form of investment the more attractive since the Chancellor's removal of investment income surcharge.

Further information from: WestAvon, Bristol (Tel: (0272) 428421) or City Marketing (Tel: 01-600 8331).



Children's savings

The latest in a long line of cartoon characters to attract children's savings is Henry's Cat – adopted by the Woolwich Building Society. The Woolwich for Kids club for the under 12s offers a free comic and drawing instruments to children opening the new ordinary share account (interest 6.25 per cent) with a minimum payment of £5. Parents might like the trendy ruler with a quartz clock at one end – yours for 50p if there is another £25 in the account by the end of August. Assuming the children do not want it themselves, that is.

Woman's hand . . .

Courses aimed at teaching women to handle money are being held shortly in London. "Women and Money" is the idea of Mrs Susan Fieldman, a solicitor, who is organizing the £20 one-day sessions that include seminars on insurance, tax matters and buying and selling houses. Courses are being held this month on the 13th and the 20th. Women and Money can be contacted at Money Matters, Premier House, 309 Ballards Lane, North Finchley, London N12 8LU.

Leeds launch

Britain's fourth-largest building society, the Leeds Permanent, is launching a new issue of the successful High Return Access Share, offering 7.75 per cent net (11.07 per cent gross) for sums of £500 and over. Interest can be added, paid half-yearly, or taken as monthly income. An attractive feature of this account is that immediate withdrawals can be made without loss of interest where the balance remaining in the account is £10,000 or more. Otherwise, withdrawals can be made on three months' notice or on demand with the loss of 90 days' interest.

Further details from the Leeds Permanent (Tel: (0532) 438181).

New bond

A new three-year Guaranteed Income Bond yielding 8.25 per cent per annum net, equivalent to 11.78 per cent gross for a basic rate taxpayer, is offered by R J Temple and Company.

The bond is a conventional, single premium endowment policy underwritten by Premium Life Assurance Company, providing a guaranteed bonus on maturity.

Minimum investment in the bond is £1,000 and there is no upper limit. Charges will be deducted from the investment. Those investing a minimum of £10,000 have the option of receiving monthly as well as the annual income payments at a rate of 8 per cent. Further details from R J Temple and Co (Tel: (0273) 673136.

Zoo bonus

The real bargain for children this week is the new Jumbo Savings Club account from Peckham Building Society. Not only is the rate of interest 8.3 per cent compared with the ordinary share rate of 6.25 per cent, but also in the first year you can get six free tickets to London or Whipsnade Zoo, and membership of the London Zoo XYZ club

The Jumbo account is a monthly savings scheme. Any amount between £1 and £50 can be put in each month – but something must be deposited. Withdrawals are at seven days' notice.

Guide to schools

A guide to the private educational sector *Choosing Your Independent School* has been compiled by the Independent Schools Information Services. It covers more than 1,300 fee-paying boarding and day schools (complete with maps), giving details of fees.

Eton (£1,575 a term) is not among the Isis top ten most expensive schools, the costliest of which is Millfield for boys (£2,075 a term) and Marymount Int for girls (£1,767 a term). The handbook costs £2.50.

PENSIONS

Fair deal drive for women

The Consumers' Association is campaigning on behalf of an estimated 200,000 married women who are not getting a state pension despite paying full National Insurance contribution during their working lives. Women born before April 1919 are subject to the "half test" rule in order to qualify for a pension in their own right.

The Consumers' Association says the cost of correcting this anomaly is £50m a year and is urging anyone concerned to lobby their MPs and write to Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary. Details of the campaign are available in a free leaflet from The Consumers' Association, Castlemead, Gascoyne Way, Hertford SG14 1LH.

GILTS

When income can be taxed as capital gain

One of the most attractive, but elusive, prospects for investors is the chance to turn an income yield into capital gain. Even after the abolition of the investment income surcharge in the last Budget, a maximum tax charge of 30 per cent – or none at all if total gains minus losses for the year are below £5,600 – looks a much more attractive deal than being clobbered for income tax of up to 60 per cent.

Last year, the Inland Revenue clamped down on the offshore "rollup funds" which had become popular. It also sent a shot across the bows of the unit trust industry where some funds were suspected of systematically stripping the dividends from gilts to produce growth in the form of capital appreciation rather than yield.

This week, Pointon York has launched the PY Gilt Account with the aim of producing a high fixed return in the form of a capital gain.

This is achieved by selling the gilts in advance of the dividend payment, when the price reflects the expected income, and buying back after it is paid.

The question is: If this system, which is widely practised by investors and their advisers, is formalized into the kind of product Pointon York is offering, how long will it be before the Inland Revenue pounces on this loophole, too?

The new fund is aimed at the small investor with a minimum capital of £5,000. You decide what term the investment should be – anything from one to 10 years – and Pointon York buys a gilt with the appropriate redemption date.

At this stage, it can guarantee the annual return. Present yields are estimated from 8¼ per cent for one year to 10 per cent over five years.

This is taxable as capital gain, not income – for the moment. Pointon York, and others who operate similar systematic stripping systems point to tax legislation and a 1980 High Court case which held that the Inland Revenue could make an income tax assessment on rolling schemes only at higher rate, not basic rate tax. So the maximum charge for even the highest rate taxpayer is 30 per cent – the difference between 60 and 30 per cent.

Basic rate taxpayers can use their capital gains as tax exemptions. Mr Geoffrey Pointon of Pointon York says: "We have taken the advice of top accountants and the view is these gains are not liable for basic rate income tax. Of course you can't be certain that this will always be the case. To this end we have a clause in our management contract with investors to the effect that if the Inland Revenue trys to tax Pointon York, we have the right to recoup this from our customers.

Margaret Drummond

SAVINGS

Bristol & West plan aims at larger investors

The Bristol & West Building Society has launched a new account aimed at the larger saver.

You cannot even join the seven-day notice Triple Bonus Account if you have less than £1,000 to invest. And that only gets you an interest rate of 7.25 per cent – the standard one percentage point above the basic ordinary share rate which is widely available to savers elsewhere with £500 – while those with just £100 can easily find 7.25 per cent at Abbey National's seven-day account.

But when savers start piling in the pounds at the Bristol & West, the rate they are paid on the whole sum invested rises to 7.5 per cent on accounts with £5,000 to £19,999 and to 7.75 per cent on accounts with more than £20,000.

It is not difficult to find other accounts which offer 7.75 per cent on sums as low as £500 – such as the Yorkshire Diamond Key Account which requires 28 days' notice or the Halifax's 90-day Xtra Account. But you do have to wait if you want to withdraw your money.

Bristol & West feels that people like to have easy access to their money to meet unforeseen circumstances. Some may be deterred from tying up their cash by tales of people who have been forced to make immediate withdrawals from 28 or 90-day accounts and found that penalties have eaten into their capital, leaving them with less money then they started with.

Bristol & West is not the only building society to pay more on larger sums. Two of the major building society cheque accounts, the Abbey's Chequesave and the Alliance's Banksave, offer a split rate of interest. The Abbey offers 5 per cent on sums, below £2,500 and 6.5 per cent on higher sums, while the Alliance offers 6.25 per cent on sums below £2,500, 6.75 per cent on £2,500 to £10,000 and 7.25 per cent on sums over £10,000. The Alliance's monthly income account also splits the interest rate – 7.25 per cent below £2,500 and 7.5 per cent above.

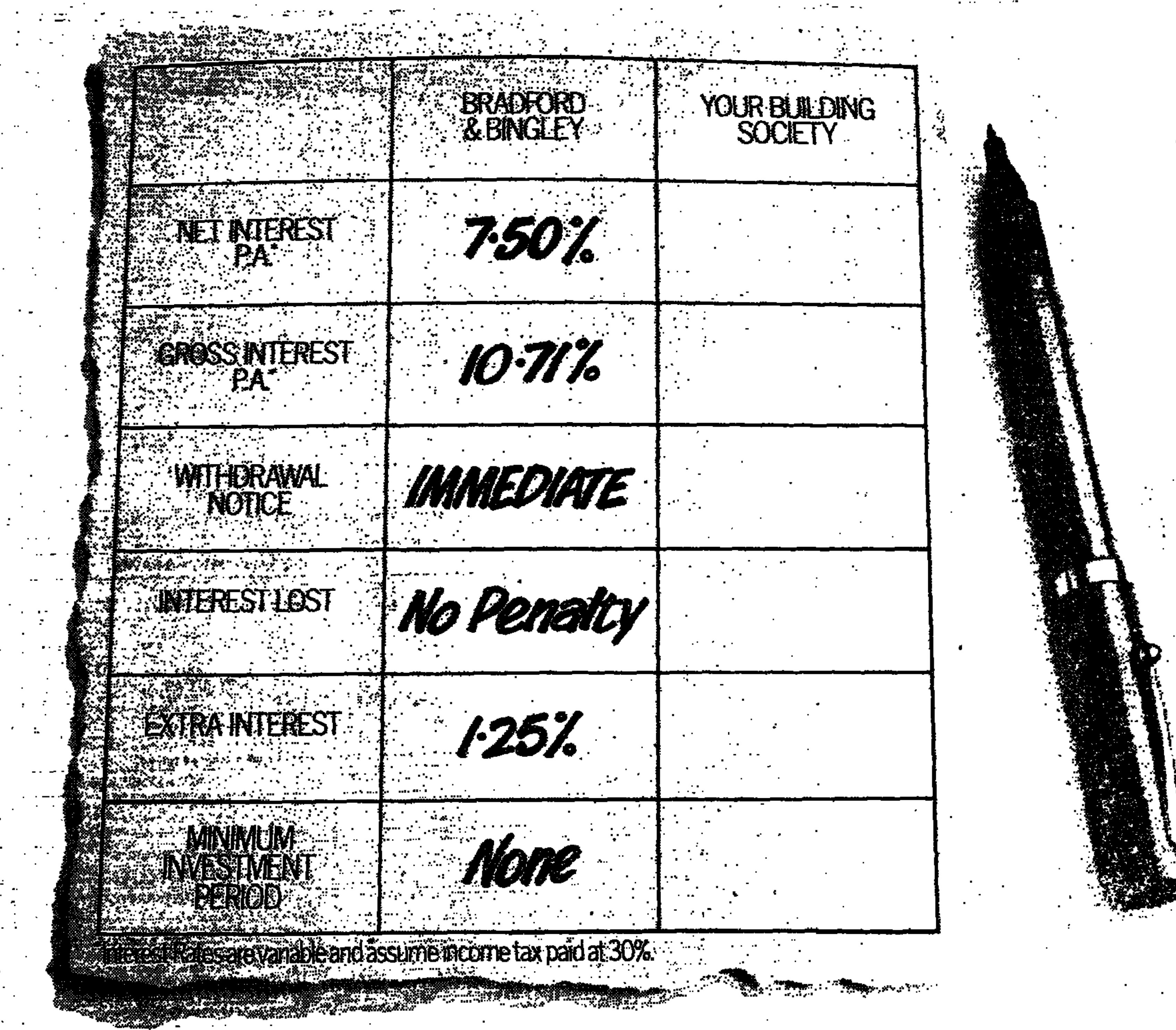
Many small societies, such as the Beverley and the Bideford, operate split rate accounts. Large societies, such as the Woolwich, Halifax, Nationwide, Leeds and Anglia, have yet to introduce two-tier accounts, but it may be that more and more building societies will be going down this road.

So while some societies such as the Halifax are struggling to make life simple for savers by making savings options less complicated, this development will make life harder. To optimize the interest paid on your savings you will have to juggle accounts to try to lift your savings above the trigger threshold in each account.

Vivien Goldsmith







	BRADFORD & BINGLEY	YOUR BUILDING SOCIETY
NET INTEREST P.A.*	7·50%	
GROSS INTEREST P.A.*	10·71%	
WITHDRAWAL NOTICE	IMMEDIATE	
INTEREST LOST	No Penalty	
EXTRA INTEREST	1·25%	
MINIMUM INVESTMENT PERIOD	None	

*Interest rates are variable and assume income tax paid at 30%.

FT – ACTUARIES INDICES	
INDUSTRIAL GROUP	493.53 (494.80)
500 SHARE INDEX	546.59 (548.67)
*EARNINGS YIELD	10.84 (10.80)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.51% (4.49%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	11.43 (11.49)
ALL SHARE INDEX	499.36 (501.32)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.73% (4.71%)
* estimated	(previous close)

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 4. Dealings End, June 15. § Contango Day, June 18. Settlement Day, June 25.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

FT STOCK INDICES	
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	78.90 (78.74)
FIXED INTEREST	83.06 (82.96)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	831.4 (833.2)
GOLD MINES	672.3 (694.0)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.74% (4.74%)
EARNINGS YIELD	11.0% (11.0%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	10.91 (10.91)
P.E. RATIO (NIL)	10.43 (10.43)

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Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMMODITIES

Total lots traded Wheat B: 209, Barley: 65

● SUMRIE CLOTHES: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £3.24m (£2.63m). Pretax loss £242,000 (loss £36,000). No dividend (1.5p last time).

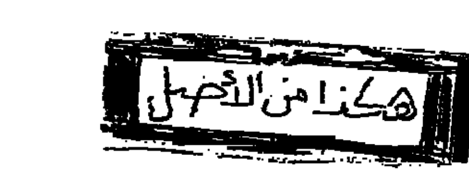
● LYLE SHIPPING: The annual meeting was told that since the accounts were issued, Lyle continued to try to arrange funding for the two Mitsui vessels, the problem which led the funding qualification in the auditor's report. Agreement in principle has now been reached with the company's banders and the shipyard involved to allow Lyle to finance delivery.

price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Body Shop International 5p Ord (95a)	175-5
Brikat Group 5p Ord (140a)	158-5
Commercial Bank of Wales £1 Ord	113+3
First Leisure Corp £1 Ord (180)	175
Fledgeling Japan Inv $0.01 ($5)	21
Formdesign 20p Ord (114a)	125
Havelock Europa 10p Ord (75a)	83
Holden Hydroman 10p Ord (78a)	134+2
Meadow Farm 10p Ord (130a)	141+3
Microvitec 5p Ord (180a)	185-3
Morris W. Fine Arts 10p Ord (10a)	16½+½
Nth Sea & Gen Oil £1 Ord (125a)	91
Panthesrella 25p Ord (80pa)	98
Petrogen Petroleum Com NPV (80a)	80-3
Petrolex 5p Ord (68a)	73-2
Plantation & Gen Inv 25p Ord	240-8
Ramco Oil Services 10p Ord (70a)	100
Reuters Holdings B Ord LV (196*)	225+2
Scantronic Hldgs 2½p Ord (78a)	106
Spectra Auto & Eng Prod 10p Ord (65a)	63+3
Stat-Plus 5p Ord (110a)	112
Steel Burrill Jones 10p Ord (110a)	138
Sutherland ET 25p Ord (95a)	103
Systems Reliability 10p Ord (210)	428-2
Ted W & J 5p Ord (143a)	140

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.



TENNIS: SEEDS FALL INTO PLACE IN FRENCH FINALS

Even Parisian sparrows anticipate a feast as the cauldron simmers

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

The players seeded to contest the singles finals of the French championships will do so: Martina Navratilova v Chris Lloyd and John McEnroe v Ivan Lendl. The gods who look after such things spent yesterday preparing a feast rather than serving one. There were three good matches, but none will linger in the memory. Whatever the outcome of the finals, though, history will be made.

Miss Navratilova and McEnroe should provide two left-handed champions, the first since Ann Jones and Tony Roche in 1966. Miss Navratilova should achieve the first women's singles grand slam of the Australian, French, Wimbledon and United States championships since Margaret Court's similar feat in 1970. On the other hand, Mrs Lloyd could become the first player to win the women's title six times and simultaneously win at least one grand slam singles championship for the eleventh consecutive year (another record).

McEnroe should be the first American to win the men's title since Tony Trabert in 1955. If not, Lendl will break through at least – after four unsuccessful appearances in grand slam singles finals (one here, two in New York and one in Melbourne).

We should also note that in each final a player born in Czechoslovakia will oppose a player from the United States. That cannot happen in the forthcoming Olympic Games, but it will happen.

The singles programme that produced this menu was no feast but, nevertheless, had a tasy diversity. Miss Navratilova walked on the edge of darkness for a while before beating Hana Mandlikova 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. The best performance on the day, because its margin was unexpectedly clear-cut, was Lendl's 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 win over Mats Wilander. There were 18 service breaks. Jimmy Connors, who served for the first set at 5-4, but lost the next six games, was beaten 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 by McEnroe.

Most of this occurred on an afternoon when the centre court, packed to its 16,500 capacity, was a cauldron simmering in bright, burning heat. True, Miss Navratilova and Miss Mandlikova went to work on a grey morning. Lendl and Wilander seemed to play through a change of climate. Clocks and watches, which do not capture the essential nature of such matches, insisted that they slugged it out for only two hour and 46 minutes.

The match seemed longer because of the monotonous base-line exchanges. One joker started a rumour to the effect that, outside, the stadium, bouncers were throwing people in. The promenades became busy because many spectators decided that as nothing interesting was happening they might as well stretch their legs or queue for refreshments.

One British photographer said he took all the pictures he needed while Lendl and Wilander were playing one rally. Without shame, I confess to escaping for half an hour to a leafy cabin in the Bois de Boulogne and launching on pâté and coffee, with a dog's head on my lap and optimistic sparrows hopping across the table. They were better company than Lendl and Wilander.

Lendl, mind you, played the game he had to play — and played it well. Showing far more initiative than Wilander (which is not saying much), he rallied patiently but was always alert for a chance to get to the net and do something terminal – usually on the basis of a fierce service or forehand. The clash of wills was almost audible and the outcome was in doubt to the end.

For McEnroe, time often seemed to stand still, awaiting his bidding. That was because of the frictional shale surface, which takes the ace off the ball, and becuase of McEnroe's remarkable reactions and powers of anticipation. What a marvellous touch he had, too. But, being the kind of chap he is, McEnroe stamped the match with an ugly form of beauty. He was fined more than £1,400 for abusing a linesman.

Miss Navratilova's muscualr skills, contrasted with the daring, graceful fragility of Miss Mandlikova's tennis. Miss Mandlikova had two chances to take charge, one in the second set and another in the third, but she could not tighten the screw – partly becase of something inside her and partly becuase Miss Navratilova's nerves, often twanging, were under control when most it mattered.

Miss Navratilova and Pam Shriver, incidentally, are still on course for the first grand slam ever achieved by a women's doubles team. All things considered, these have turned out to be rather special championships.

MEN: Singles, semi-finals: J McEnroe (US) bt J Connors (US) 7-5, 6-1, 6-2; I Lendl (Cz) bt M Wilander (Sw) 6-3, 6-3, 7-5. **Doubles, semi-finals:** H Leconte and Y Noah (Fr) bt E Fromm (US) and S Glickstein (Israel) 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; P Slozil and T Smid (Czech), bt J Arias and E Korita (US) 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

WOMEN, Singles, semi-final: M Navratilova (US) bt H Mandlikova (Czech) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. **Doubles, semi-finals:** M Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt K Horvath (US) and V Ruzici (Rom) 6-0, 7-6 (8-6); C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) and H Mandlikova (Czech) bt B Jordan (US) and E Sayers (Aust) 6-7 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4.

BOYS, doubles, second round: D Langaskens (Bel) and M Nastase (Rom) bt J Goodall and M Walker (GB) 6-4, 1-6, 6-4

GIRLS, Singles, third round: N Herreman (Fr) bt A Croft (GB) 6-4, 6-2



Pat Cash, the Australian, in action during his 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 quarter-final victory against Ramesh Krishnan at Beckenham yesterday. Cash joins another Australian, Paul McNamee, and two Americans Robert Van't Hof and Brian Teacher in today's semi-finals (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Bates bridges five-year gap

Jeremy Bates, the 21-year-old from Solihull, yesterday became the first home player for five years to reach the men's singles final of the Northern grasscourt tournament, sponsored by GMC, at Didsbury. Bates beat Australian Brad Dyke 7–5, 4–6, 6–2, in 100 minutes after escaping in the opening set when his opponent served at 5–1 and held set point. In the other semi-final Derbyshire's Nick Fulwood was beaten 7–6, 6–1 by Jeff Turpin from Dallas.

Bates will need to be at his best against the 24-year-old Turpin if he is to become the first Briton to win the title since John Barrett 18 years ago. Turpin's appearance in the final has prevented him from competing in the qualifying tournament at London's Queens Club today for the Stella-Artois grand prix. The tournament director there could find no loophole for him and Turpin was forced to scratch.

Bates looked in trouble in the first set against Dyke but an improvement in his ground strokes sparked off a run of six successive winning games for the set. Bates said: "I started much too slowly and did not feel particularly confident. I served badly too but if I can still win when I serve like that I won't be too worried."

● Seedings for the Stella Artois tournament, which starts on Monday at Queen's Club, London, are as follows: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (Cz); 3, J Connors (US); 4, Y Noah (Fr); 5, K Curren (SA); 6, W Scanlon (US); 7, T Mayotte (US); and 8, C Lewis (NZ).

CRICKET

Time for Downton's next Test of nerve and technique

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

England's selectors are at work this weekend, choosing the team for next Thursday's first Test match against the West Indies, to be played at Edgbaston and sponsored by Cornhill. If changes are made from among those who played in the three one-ay internationals there will not, I imagine, be many.

Bairstow will probably go, simply because his wicketkeeping, over a five-day match, is not quite up to it. This is a pity, for his indomitable presence and potentially explosive batting are good to have, just as Marsh's must have been in his Australian heyday. The two, in fact, have much in common.

If Taylor is not brought back, it will be because of the need to find someone who might make more runs than he, but who keeps wicket better than Bairstow. Here, Downton, Richards and French are the likeliest candidates, and it is to Downton's advantage that he helped Gower to save England in the last Test match they played against West Indies – at Kingston, Jamaica, in April, 1981. He did so by holding out staunchly against Marshall, Garner, Croft and Holding.

Even as one of Gatting's most persistent supporters, I find it difficult to make a satisfactory case for keeping him in the side. It is useful for a captain to have someone to turn to when, all around him, the seas are getting rough. Brearley used to be glad to have Botham on the bridge with him, and Gower is known to value Gatting's counsel. Against the West Indians, particularly, Gower will be sorry to be without it.

Yet on his form with the bat in the one-say series, it would be a kindness to Gatting not to pick him. He is still only 27 – his birthday was on Wednesday – and I am hopeful that he will yet become an authentic England player. He is such a sturdy fellow, of the very sort we need. But, like it or not, his Test record of only nine fifties in 50 innings is against him. When the chance is there to play an innings which might establish him, he does, sadly, seem to let it go.

Lloyd and Fowler, with partnerships of 75 at Trent Bridge and 60 at Lord's, did enough in the one-day series to be retained. Lloyd made an excellent impression. The pressure of Test cricket, however, are obviously greater than in the one-day game. If Lloyd is still battling it out, to some effect, by the end of the series, it will be good news.

Lamb, Willis and Foster may be pencilled in. Randall and Miller, with all their experience, will probably be wanted, but Edgbaston may be considered too "flat" for Cowans.

Botham can no longer be considered an automatic choice, but I should hate to see an England side without him. At 28, he is still capable, with the bat anyway, of scaling great heights, and he bowled quite well in the Texaco Trophy. However, Ellison, as well as Pringle, is challenging for his place; and to ward them both off he really must start to put some figures together.

In many of their deliberations this summer, the selectors will be weighing promise against experience. They will know the risks of exposing immature players to the mercies of Clive Lloyd's immensely powerful side. To come in against West Indies these days, when a relative tyro, is a fearsome test, whether as a batsman, bowler or all-rounder. Attempting it has held back many a budding talent. It has just happened to several young Australians in the Caribbean. I would prefer, therefore, to see Aslett and Ellison kept for later in the season.

Since the West Indian attack was first based, with such devastating effect, on fast bowling, few batsmen have kept body and soul intact through a full series in opposition to them. Demands are made on a batsman's nerves and technique which he is quite unaccustomed to meeting. Mohinder Amarnath was up to it in the West Indies early last year, but in India, since then, he has been destroyed by most of the same bowlers. Allan Border has twice come out on top, once in Australia and once in West Indies, and Gooch and Gower managed it in the West Indies in 1980-81, though not without each other's support.

It should be a help to England that the first Test is at Edgbaston, where the bounce of the ball is seldom steep. If the selectors think the ball may turn and plump accordingly for a second spinner, they could go for Cook, who has certainly not let them down since coming into the side last August, or Patel. As a young batsman who can bowl off-breaks and fields well at slip, Patel must be nearly ready.

Whatever side is chosen, the series has all the makings of one in which the England XI for the fifth Test will be much changed from that which plays next week. If that is not the case, England will have done very well. In 1980, when West Indies were here last, England drew on 19 players in the series. Only Gooch, Boycott, Botham and Willey played in all five Tests. To begin this series, I would be inclined to choose the side that lost at Lord's last Monday, with Downton in Bairstow's place. It would read: Fowler, Lloyd, Gower, Lamb, Randall, Botham, Miller, Pringle, Downton, Foster and Willis. Should the pitch be bare, Patel could replace Pringle as a way of strengthening the spin bowling without weakening the batting.

Gatting: needs a respite

Logie can keep hoping for a first Test cap

By Ivo Tennant

For once, the West Indians were unable to steamroller their opponents, having dismissed Combined Universitities for a paltry 78, they were defied by Andrew Miller, who made a gritty half-century, and then ran out of time. Had they not opted for a lengthy bat, which they felt more important, it might have been a diferent story.

The West Indians had batted on in the morning in the hope that Logie might reach a century. He did not. The innings was declared when he put a shortish ball down square-leg's throat, four runs short.

Still, it was a compact performance, which included 10 fours and a six, and kept him in with a chance of a first Test place. Richards, whose selection is assured, chose not to bat, and Garner did not bowl in the Universities' first innings. Lesser motals were given a fair go.

There was another splendid crowd, probably as big as on the first day. In The Parks no one is made to pay at the gate, not even intruders from Cambridge. The spectators had, though, to wait for the Universities to show their mettle.

The pitch still had some moisture left in it in the morning, but it grew progressively easier. Walsh and Small achieved lift, Harper and Richards some slow turn. Miller and Toogood went to excellent diving catches by wicketkeeper and first slip: Carr failed to get over the ball: Edbrooke fell leg-before to one that nipped back, and the rest swiftly succumbed.

Harper had a good bowl but, once the pitch had fully dried around the time when the Universities followed on, he was countered comfortably. Thanks to Miller, who included nine boundaries in his 56, and the clock, the undergraduates were able to salvage an almost honourable draw.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

D L Haynes c Andrews b Grimes	100
C G Greenidge c Lawrence b Grimes	0
R B Richardson b Hayes	88
A L Logie c Thorne b Toogood	96
E A E Baptiste c Hayes Toogood	12
†T R O Payne b Lawrence	26
R A Harper b Hayes	13
C A Walsh not out	0
Extras (b2, lb2, w1, nb1)	6
Total (7 wkts dec)	341

*I V A Richards, J Garner and M Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–162, 3–226, 4–264, 5–305, 6–341, 7–341.

BOWLING: Thorne, 12-1-43-0; Grimes, 24-8-57-2; Hayes, 13-1-55-2; Lawrence, 11-0-55-1; Andrew, 13-1-41-0; Toogood, 5.3-0-22-2.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES: first innings

A J T Miller c Payne b Walsh	8
R M Edbrooke lbw b Baptiste	8
G J Toogood c Harper b Small	0
K D Carr c Logie b Small	4
C R Andrew c Haynes b Richards	13
*K A Hayes not out	18
D A Thorne lbw b Harper	0
W R Bristowe b Richards	2
†A G Dewes b Harper	4
M P Lawrence b Richards	2
A D H Grimes lbw b Harper	1
Extras (b2, lb2, nb4)	8
Total	78

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–9, 3–17, 4–47, 5–51, 6–52, 7–67, 8–66, 9–73, 10–78

BOWLING: Walsh, 8-2-21-1; Small, 6-4-8-2; Baptiste, 4-1-9-1; Harper, 13-5-13-3, Richards, 10-5-19-3.

Second Innings

A J T Miller c Payne b Logie	56
R M Edbrooke c Walsh b Harper	28
G J Toogood not out	20
J D Carr not out	9
Extras (b6, lb1)	7
Total (2 wkts)	120

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–52, 2–100

BOWLING: Garner, 7-2-16-0; Baptiste 4-1-12-0; Harper, 21-8-29-1; Richards 11-32-0, Haynes, 2-0-9-0; Logie, 6-2-15-1.

Kapil Dev ready to play

Kapil Dev could play his first county championship game for **Worcestershire against Hampshire** starting at Worcester today.

Following a lengthy recovery from a knee operation, the Indian Test captain should replace Ricardo Ellcock the young West Indian if he passes a fitness test in the morning.

Chris Cowdrey, out of the Kent side with a groin muscle injury for a month, is included in a squad of 12 for the championship match against Yorkshire at Tunbridge Wells, after scoring a century for the second eleven this week.

Nick Pocock, the Hampshire captain, has recovered from an attack of 'flu and returns to the side against Worcestershire. Either Turner or Maru will make way for him, depending on the state of the Worcester wicket.

Tony Pigott, the Sussex and England fast bowler, who aggravated a pulled back muscle injury during the Benson and Hedges Cup match with Yorkshire on Wednesday, will miss the game against Lancashire at Old Trafford. Mike Hendrick has a slight strain following the crushing Benson and Hedges win over Surrey and is replaced in the Nottinghamshire side to play Glamorgan by Kevin Cooper.

Northamptonshire have taken the match with the West Indians to the Manor Fields ground in Milton Keynes.

MILTON KEYNES: Northamptonshire v West Indians (11.30 to 6.30).

County Championship (11.00)

ILFORD: Essex v Warwickshire.
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Yorkshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Sussex
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
BATH: Somerset v Middlesex
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JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (2.0, 40 overs).

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GOLF

Britain keeping US in their sights

By Lewine Mair

Great Britain and Ireland finished the opening day of the Curtis Cup at Muirfield trailing by a point. Each side came away with a win and a halved game from the morning foursomes and America took 3½ points from the six afternoon singles.

Diane Bailey, the home captain, said she had been telling her girls for months that they were good enough to beat the Americans and, by last night, she felt that they were now convinced of that and were in with a good chance. Her American counterpart, Phyllis Preuss, reiterated that she had always felt that this was a match which would be close.

The foursomes were full of surprises, with Jill Thornhill and Penny Grice ending up halving the match after being four down after ten holes and Claire Waite and Beverley New winning after trailing by two at the turn. The third home pair, Mary McKenna and Laura Davies, started with two birdies and were one ahead after 12 only to end up on the losing side.

Mrs Thornhill's nine iron to the last green paved the way for the winning four at the last which gave her and Miss Grice their half point. What is more, it set them up for an afternoon to remember in that Mrs Thornhill went on to half with Miss Pacillo, the American amateur champion, and Miss Grice defeated the experienced Mrs Sander by two holes.

Miss Grice went to two ahead when the American had a series of disasters at the short 13th. From the rough, the former American amateur champion thinned her chip into a trap on the other side of the green. "Oh, darn," she cried, before apologising, profusely, to a crowd who, in the circumstances, felt she had been remarkably constrained.

The chief memory of Vicki Thomas's two and one win over Dana Howe was of how the little Welsh girl bustled up to her ball lying beside the flag at the short 13th while her opponent crept up behind looking as lost as she had done when one first came across her, at St Andrew's last Saturday, when she was deep in a fairway furrow calling for help as to which way she should aim.

Finalist who proves his calibre

By Mitchell Platts

The benefit of the American college system was again emphasized in the Amateur Championship at Formby yesterday when Colin Montgomerie reached the final, in which he will meet José Olazabal, of Spain.

Montgomerie's golf in the quarter-final in the morning, when he overcame Colin Brooks, the conqueror of Philip Parkin the previous day, was of the highest calibre. In 14 holes the 20-year-old Montgomerie gathered seven birdies and so showed little charity to an opponent with whom he has been sharing digs this week.

Yet if it had not been for Father Paddy Roache, the priest in the parish of Ilkley, Yorkshire, where Montgomerie lives, the fair-haired Scot might not have gained a place at the Houston Baptist University in Texas. The trouble for Montgomerie was that when the Scottish Golf Union arranged a scholarship for him in New Mexico, he soon discovered that the golf standards there were not as high as he had expected.

So he telephoned home to discuss the problem. The following day his father spoke with Father Roache, who offered to help. Since Father Roache had been the official padre to a past United States Ryder Cup team, he was able to make contact with the former player, Jimmy Demaret, and a place was arranged for Montgomerie in Houston.

Montgomerie holed a succession of good putts against Brooks, whom he put under pressure from the first when he struck a seven-iron to within 18 inches.

Olazabal, seeking to become only the second Continental to win the championship, earned his place after an absorbing semi-final against the English international David Gilford. Olazabal, twice one down over the first seven holes, seemed to be taking hold of the match after he hit a five-iron to 20 feet and successfully holed for an eagle three at the eighth. He won the next but Gilford got up and down from a bunker to halve the 10th and he fought back to square again.

Then Olazabal birdied the long 17th to go one up and he made certain of success by holing from 10 feet for another birdie at the last.

QUARTER-FINALS: D Curry bt P McEvoy 2 and 1; D Gilford bt A Moir 5 and 4; J M Olazabal (Sp) bt R Park, 1 hole; C Montgomerie bt C Brooks 5 and 4.
SEMI-FINALS: Montgomerie bt Curry 5 and 4; Olazabal bt Gilford 1 hole.

Gonzalez in fine form

By Nicholas Keith

Jaime Gonzalez, from Brazil, took a two-stroke lead from Sandy Lyle and Manuel Pinera after the second round of the Tournament Players' Championship yesterday. He was one of four players to equal the course record of 64 on a day of glorious sunshine when the pleasant breeze was not enough to protect St Mellion from a rash of birdies.

A relatively slight man of 29, Gonzales now stands at 11 under par and will step out in front of the BBC television cameras today with some confidence. He likes St Mellion: having finished third in his first tournament on the course in 1979.

Yesterday he started at the 10th and opened with two birdies. Despite a drop shot at the 12th he was out in 30 and picked up another stroke at the first. He said that thereafter he found himself guiding the ball, but a badly hooked drive at the eighth was his only other serious mistake. He finished with a flourish with a birdie at the long ninth where he was down in two from a bunker beside the green.

Lyle was pleased with his game, although he missed several putts under 10 feet. Putting was also the main problem for Mark James, who late in the day, looked well placed to catch the leader. He began from the 10th with four threes to be out in 31 and his fifth birdie came with a two at the second. After that the putts would not drop and he missed four from eight feet or less.

Frustration took its toll and disaster threatened at the ninth, the last for James, where he cut his drive out of bounds but escaped with a six. Achieving a birdie with his second ball he said afterwards that his round had been potential 62 if he holed any putts.

Pinero of Spain, Jerry Anderson, of Canada, and Bill Longmuir matched the leader's 64. Pinero had a birdie at the fourth and a run of three more from the seventh to the ninth to be out in 31. Further birdies at the 13th and 18th were offset by a shot dropped at the par three 15th. With such a spate of low scores and 65 players on par or better, the cut was set as 140.

FOOTBALL

Watson chosen in England manager's brave selection

From Stuart Jones, Football Corresponodent, Rio

It seemed appropiate that Bobby Robson should be sitting in the shadow of Sugar Loaf Mountain when he unveiled the side to play in the Maracana Stadium tomorrow afternoon. He is asking England to soar on the wings of wild adventure, to highits they have never reached before and beat Brazil here for the first time.

Although he denies that the idea is a gamble, he admitted that he would join his squad when they went up Corcovado, another stunning landmark. "To see Jesus Christ." When he visits the famous statue, he might pray that he is rewarded for keeping faith in the system he employed against Scotland and the Soviet Union.

The fear is that the deficiencies, exposed so clearly at Wembley last Saturday, will be laid bare again and England's high flying ambitions will end up as driftwood on the sands of Copocabana beach. Apart from anything else, the preparations have so far been riddled with the misfortune that has become Robson's most regular companion since he took over.

When the team approached this wonderous city, it was rapped in fog, apparently an occurance that is about as frequent as Christmas. The plane was diverted and the journey was extended from 14 to some 17 hours. The venue for the training, arranged officially a few weeks ago, was then also changed without warning.

England were to have practised nearby on Flamengo's ground but the grass there is being reseeded. Instead they were sent away into the hills and after playing on an inferior surface, were caught amid the rush-hour traffic on the way back. Suffering in the oppressive heat, Fenwick climbed off the bus and ran through the streets alongside it.

Fenwick will be accompanied by a smaller, more mobile and equally unlikely partner tomorrow. Watson, the twentyseventh newcomer to be introduced by Robson, comes in for Roberts, who has a slight groin strain and is rested. The other change involves Hateley, who won his first cap as a substitute a week ago. He replaces Blissett.

Doubts still linger over Woodcock, one of only four experienced outfield players and his troublesome hamstring. Before the match is completed, Robson may be forced to bring in yet another novice, probably in the shape of Allen.

If the golden quartet of Zico, Falcao, Socrates, and Cerezo were spreading their talents across the Maracana instead of the playing fields of Italy, England would be heading for an even more fearsome fate. Yet, in Junior and Leandro, Robson recognizes that the Brazilians have two of the most dangerous attacking full backs in the world.

Barnes, aged 21, and Chamberlain, aged 23, will be told to keep them occupied as well as improving their cover in midfield when England lose possession.

Even if they do rise to the occasion, (and, in a stadium that holds 200,000 spectators, they do not come any bigger), it is England's defence that is the more likely to be bemused.

BRAZIL (from): Costa, Leandro, Oscar, Mozer, Junior, Pires, Zenon, Assis, Renato, Tita, Dinamito, Tato.
ENGLAND: P Shilton, M Duxbury, D Watson, T Fenwick, K Sansom, M Chamberlain, R Wilkins, B Robson, A Woodcock, M Hateley, J Barnes.

Maidstone angry over League closed shop

By Peter Ball

Maidstone United failed to win election to the Footbal League yesterday as the League's annual general meeting at the Cafe Royal voted solidly for the status quo. League president Jack Dunnett and associate members Hartlepool United withstood the challenges to their positions from Everton chairman, Phil Carter, and Maidstone.

To widespread surprise, Hartlepool's bid for reelection for a record 14th time succeeded by 32 votes to Alliance champions Maidstone's 22, four fewer than they received last year. Maidstone chairman Jim Thompson accused Mr. Dunnett of manipulating the agenda to preserve the league's closed shop policy.

Before the vote was taken a proposal by Oldham Athletic to implement a policy of automatic entry to the league was discussed, and Thompson said: "I think we would have got in if the agenda had not been changed. But when people heard the associate members were willing to talk about automatic entry some of our support vanished".

"The members' change of heart on the matter was welcomed by Doncaster Rovers chairman, Ian Jones. He described reelection as "offensive" and "bringing the game into disrepute".

Cynics, however, will note that although the associate members meet on July 6, and then have a meeting with the Alliance on July 17, Mr Jones said: "I doubt if we have time to put any proposals before next year's AGM".

Mr Dunnett's victory by 35 to 17 over the Everton chairman, on the first occasion that an incumbent chairman has been challenged, may in the long run be the more significant vote. He dismissed Mr Thompson's charges. "I put the change in the agenda to the meeting and there were no objections", he commented. "Maidstone forget that club representatives come to the meeting with instructions how to vote from their board, and I know from my political campaigns that people promise to vote for both candidates rather than say no". Mr Dunnett is a former MP.

Halifax, Chester (both 52 votes), and Rochdale (50) were also reelected. Geoffrey Smith (Watford) was elected to the league management committee, defeating Fulham's Brian Dalton, and a significant change enables the League to vet the payment of transfer fees, clubs in future paying their debt via Lytham rather than direct.

Docherty joins Wolves

Tommy Docherty is back in football management with relegated Wolverhampton Wanderers. It is the sixteenth managerial appointment for the volatile Scot, whose favourite joke is that he has had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus.

Derek Dougan, the Wolves chairman, who can be as outspoken as the man he has just employed, has, in fact, turned to a manager to attract the fans because the players failed to do so. Towards the end of the season, crowds of under 7,000 were attending games at Molineux. "They have lost their way in recent times", Docherty said, "but in a situation like this a club has to take a bold step. This is what they have done in appointing me."

The job ends nearly a year on the sidelines for Docherty since his return from Australia. He filled in his time as a radio commentator for the BBC but now succeeds Graham Hawkins, who was dismissed when the club was relegated from the first division a season after promotion.

"I am aware of the financial situation at Wolves but they are in the same position as many clubs. One of the greatest pleasures of management for me is to go out and find small nuggets and develop them into international players."

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

MANCHESTER: Northern grasscourt tournament: Men's singles: Quarter-finals (British unless stated): J Bates bt B Mitton (SA), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Turpin (US) bt M Robinson, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; N Fulwood bt G Michibata (Can). Semi-finals: Bates bt Dyke, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; Turpin bt Fulwood, 7-6, 6-1. Women's Singles: Quarter-finals (British unless stated): L Gracie bt E Lightbody, 7-6, 6-1; Y Vermaak (SA) bt A Tobin-Dingwall (Aus), 6-2, 6-1; L Spain (US) bt A Grunfeld (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; R White (US) bt R Blount (US), 6-3, 6-3. Semi-final: L Spain bt L Gracie, 6-3, 6-3

BECKENHAM: Grasscourt tournament: Women's singles: Quarter-finals: A Henricksson (US) bt S Walsh (US), 6-2, 6-2; A Brown (GB) bt S Gomer (GB), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals: T Phelps (US) bt A Henricksson (US), 6-1, 6-1.
Men's singles: Third Round: S Davis (US) bt C Hooper (US), 6-3, 7-5; R Van't Hof (US) bt T Cain (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; B Testerman (US) bt R Acuna (Chile), 6-3, 6-3; R Krishnan (Ind) bt R Meyer (US), 6-4, 6-4; B Teacher (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 7-6. Quarter-finals: B Teacher (US) bt B Testerman (US), 6-7, 6-0, 7-6; P Cash (Aus) bt R Krishnan (Ind), 7-6, 5-7, 6-2.

CYCLING

DIPPACH: Tour of Luxembourg: Second stage: 1, W Tackaert (Bel), 4hr 57min 43sec; 2, T van Vliet (Neth), same time; 3, P Versluys (Bel), 4:58.03. Overall: 1, C Lavainne (Fr), 5:01.15; 2, van Vliet, same time; 3, Tackaert, 5:01.23.
VIENNA: Tour of Austria: 1, D Lauritzen (Nor), 4hr 12min 58sec; 2, K Blum (Austria), same time; 3, H Popp (Austria), same time. Overall: 1, S Maurer (Switz), 27:0.51; 2, A Krasnov (USSR), 27:01.83; 3, L Burda (Cz), 27:02.53.

EQUESTRIANISM

ARDINGLY: South of England Show: Crosse and Blackwell Trophy: Everest Double Glazing's everest Radious (N Skelton); 2, Next E J Team's Jingo (Mrs V Whitaker); 3, G Faulkener's Village Born (G Faulkener). Top Score Competition: 1, P Richardson's Billy B (P Richardson); 2, Mrs M Crowley's Sea Pearl (M Pyrah); 3, Next F J Team's French Volcain de Beaumont (M Whitaker). Bailey's Irish Cream Stakes: 1, Next F J Team's Courtway (M Whitaker); 2, T W Croft's JR (G Billington); 3, Penwood Saddlery's Penwood Fleetline (G Glazzard), and the Earl of Inchcape's Delsino (N Skelton). Hack Champion: Mr and Mrs J Keen's Royal Return; (reserve), D Tatlow's Gainsborough. Pony Breeding Champion: Mrs M Mansfield's brood mare, Trellech Giselle; (reserve) Mrs M Mansfield and P Wilson's three-year-old filly, Katie's Dream.
Mountain and Moorland ponies: F S Judge and Sons' Ramblers Prince Picolo (New Forest); (reserve), Mrs F Byford's Chiltern Lara (Connemara). In-Hand Championship: Chiltern Lara; (reserve), Mr and Mrs J Rose's Mandator. British Champion-in-Hand pony: Coliseum Jaro; (reserve), Mrs D Weedon's Akehurst Robin.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Minnesota Twins 5, Texas Rangers 4; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Boston Red Sox 3; Chicago White Sox 11, California Angels 10; Kansas City Royals 3, Seattle Mariners 8.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 12, San Diego Padres 1; Montreal Expos 2, Chicago Cubs 1; Atlanta Braves 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Houston Astros 14, San Francisco Giants 1.

GOLF

OLD THORNS: British Olivetti Tournament (women): Leading second round scores (British and Irish unless stated): 148: M Thomson, 78, 73; C Langford, 75, 73; J L Smith, 75, 71. 147: D Reid, 76, 71. 149: D Dowling, 74, 75; B Boozer (US), 75, 74; K Douglas, 76, 73. 150: J Denman, 75, 75. 151: B Huke, 72, 79; J Smurthwaite, 76, 75; R Hast (SA), 78, 73. 152: S van Wyk (SA), 78, 74; F Dessu (It), 79, 73. 153: P Conley (US), 75, 78; M Marshall (US), 77, 76. 154: L Castillo (US), 80, 74; J Statham, 76, 78.
MALVERN, Pennsylvania: PGA tournament: Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 65: P Sneehen. 67: P Fulz (Aus). 68: S Barrett. 69: K Baker. 70: S Haynie; J Carner; C Chillemi; M Spencer-Devlin. British scores: 79: C Panton.
HARRISON, New York: Westchester Classic: Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 66: C Beck. 66: E Fiori; W Levi. 66: S Simpson. 67: F Couples; J Haas; D Weigring; T Simpson; G Player (SA); J Colbert. British scores: 69: P Oosterhuis. 74: N Faldo.
SAPPORO, Japan: Sapporo tournament: Leading second round scores (Japanese unless stated): 132: Chen Tze-Min (Taiwan), 66, 66. 139: T Gale (Aus), 72, 67. 140: N Ozaki, 71, 69; K Arai, 73, 67; I Aoki, 69, 71; Y Miyamoto, 69, 71.

HOCKEY

TARRASA, Spain: European club championship: Group A: Belfast YMCA 1, Athletico Tarrasa 3. Group B: Frankenthal 4, Eur Sped 3.
GLASGOW: European Champion Cup, "B" tournament (women): Glasgow Western 19, Basleridybil (Switzerland) 0.

SPEEDWAY

WIMBLEDON: Second international: England 45, Denmark 63.

EQUESTRIANISM

Perfect finish from Whitaker

By a Special Correspondent

Robert Smith, winner of the Royal Cornwall Show's first big jumping competition on Sanyo Dictator, seemed likely yesterday to add Radio Rentals Cornwall AIT to his collection, riding Sanyo Cadnica. The lead was taken from him, however, by John Whitaker on St Mungo, who lowered Smith's time by 1.8 seconds. Third was a possible Olympic partnership, David Bowen with Boysie.

RESULTS: Radio Rentals Cornwall AIT. 1 Next Collectable St Mungo (J Whitaker); 2 Sanyo Cadnica (R Smith); 3 Griffin and Brand European Boysie (D Bowen). Champion Hunter in-hand: GEM's Signet Bloodstock's The Candyman. Res. Mr W D Kellow's Fairfield Manor. Champion Hack in-hand: Miss J E Hall's Moorland Mig. Res. Mr M A J Saxon Tavistock Clarissa. Champion Arab: Mrs B Nolan Velvina. Res. Mr and Mrs B Thcumb's Countess Krystal. Champion Dartmoor: Mrs W E Robinson's Veen Mary Rose. Res. Mr G L Body Gwinear Periwinkle. Champion Pony in-hand: Mr and Mrs J A Turner's Piran Fair Dawn. Res. Mrs S E Freeth's Diptford Marina. Champion Welsh Cob: Mr and Mrs R A Lutey's and Mr and Mrs P Ravenshear's Buckleham Prince Arthur. Champion Welsh section A: Mr N Smith's Aston Nimrod. Champion Shetland: Mr and Mrs W G Shillibeer's Lakehead Emerald. Res. Miss A Runnall's Tawna Meg. In-hand championship: The Candyman. Res Mr S Rowe's Trehane Pamela. Queen's Cup: Supreme fight horse of the show: The Candyman. Res. Piran Fair Dawn. Champion Cornish-bred exhibit: Mr W D Kellow's Autumn Venture. Res. Mr W R Prowse's Pocohontas. Late Thursday results:
JUMPING: Crosse and Blackwell Trophy: 1, Sanyo Dictator, Robert Smith; 2, Sanyo Cadnica, Robert Smith; 3, J Whitaker's Novilheiro. Champion Hunter: Mr and Mrs J A Croft's Penglen. Res: Mr and Mrs Croft's Littlejohn. Private driving: 1, R Warren's Grants Isla; 2, Mrs P Baker's Theydon Councillor; 3, Miss R Folland's Manmoel Mostyn. Concours d'Elegance: 1, Theydon Councillor; 2, Mrs J Warren's Dukers Felicitation; 3, Miss J Barrett's Woolcombe Jessica. Double Harness Scurry: Ponies 12.0hh and under: 1, R Blake's Bubble and Squeak; 2, Mrs J R Dick's Pavlow and Peanuts; 3, Mr and Mrs C J Marson's Tiddler and Newt.

YACHTING

Morvan draws further ahead

By John Nicholls

Slowly, but surely, Patrick Morvan in Jet Services is drawing away from the other 74 entries that remain in the *Observer* Europe 1 single-handed transatlantic race. Yesterday's report from the Royal Western Yacht Club race control in Plymouth showed that he was then 76 miles ahead of Gilles Gahinet in 33 Export and halfway through his passage to Newport, Rhode Island.

The leading British competitor, Peter Phillips, in Travacrest Seaway, was placed third and reckoned to be averaging 10.3 knots. This was faster than Jet Services at that time, but since the two boats were then 123 miles apart, they could have been experiencing different winds.

RUGBY UNION: TOURIST'S DAY OF RECKONING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Springboks are poised for a repeat victory over England

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Johannesburg

To believe that England can square the series with South Africa in the second international at Ellis Park today is perhaps taking optimism a shade too far. Before the first international last week we did not know the nature of the enemy: now we have seen him and he is probably stronger than any combination which this England tour party can provide.

What the Springboks have done once they can do again, and by now they will be sick and tired of their own advisers recalling the cautionary tale of 1982, when they scored 50 points against the South American Jaguars one week and then lost to a side inspired by Hugo Porta the next.

England have no Porta at stand-off half, yet they need inspiration from somewhere. They have worked hard and well this week and are delighted that Bailey, the Cambridge University captain, will be fit to take his place on the left wing. Bailey survived a hard morning at the Wits University which ended with a straight sprint against Swift. Bailey has made surprising recovery from his hamstring injury, the first such injury of his career.

The one thing England can do is tackle, which is what the Irish did here in 1981. Nothing so unnerves a side as the opposition coming at them like dervishes and if England can make their first-time tackles tell and pick up the pieces of possession which fall their way they may be in business. It might be considered an un-English sort of game, but it should be remembered that they were not that short of possession in the first international at Port Elizabeth. It was the use they made of it that was so dispiriting.

South Africans are suspicious of England dropping their front row. "What tricks have England up their sleeve?" was the headline in one Afrikaans newspaper yesterday. So at least the touring side have the capacity to ask questions of the opposition. It is hard if, in the process, players have to be sacrificed, but the men of Gloucester have taken it with admirable philosophy.

England must move the ball away from the big Springbok forwards. They have nothing to lose by spreading the play and I will be surprised if we do not see a lot of shortened lineouts and England's flankers coming hard down the centre of the field endeavouring to absorb defenders and create space on the flanks, where Swift is playing for England for the sixth time but the first in his correct position on the right.

Above all, England must ring the changes and keep their opponents guessing. To do that requires the controlled possession they did not achieve at Port Elizabeth and may not achieve today. Yet if the referee René Hourquet, having looked sternly on England at the set pieces a week ago, turns his gaze upon the Springbok loose play we may yet have a contest on our hands.

SOUTH AFRICA: J W Heunis (N Transvaal); A P Williams (W Province), D M Gerber (E Province), J V Villet (W Province), C J Du Plessis (W Province); E G Tobias (Boland), D J Serfontein (W Province); O W Oosthuysen (Transvaal), C D Rogers (Transvaal) P G Du Toit, R J Louw, S W P Burger (all W Province), R G Visagie (Orange F S), M T S Stofberg (W Province, capt), G HH Sonnekus (Orange F S).
Replacements: S A Povey (W Province), A Strauss (W Province), A Skinner, (N Transvaal), J C Roble (Transvaal), W H Kirkham (Transvaal), Z M J Pinaar (Orange F S).
ENGLAND: W H Hare (Leicester); A H Swift (Swansea), G H Davies (Wasps), J A Plamer (Bath), M D Bailey (Wasps); J Horton (Bath), R J Hill (Bath); P A G Rendall (Wasps), S E Brain (Coventry), G S Pearce (Northampton); J P Hall (Bath), J P Scott (Cardiff, capt), J H Fidler (Gloucester), P J Winterbottom (Headingley), C J S Butcher (Harlequins).
Replacements: N C Stringer (Wasps), B Barley (Wakefield), N G Youngs (Leicester), P J Blakeway (Gloucester), S G F Mills (Gloucester), G W Rees (Nottingham).
Referee: R Hourquet (France).



Bailey: Fit to take a left-wing stance.

No Wales-S Africa game for ten years

There is no prospect of a Welsh team touring South Africa or South Africa touring Wales during at least the next decade, the secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, Ray Williams, said in Cardiff yesterday. He was commenting on what he called media speculation, following a special meeting of Welsh clubs last Saturday when, by an overwhelming majority, the clubs voted to retain links with the South African board.

It was naive, he said, to think that an international tour could be arranged at the drop of a hat. Such tours were co-ordinated by the International Rugby Board and were in strict rotation. "The Welsh Rugby Union has not discussed the possibility of a tour to South Africa", he said. "We are already committed, and some say over-committed, to tours up to at least 1990 and we also have tours scheduled right through and beyond the year 2000."

● Wellington (Reuter) – Jacques Fouroux, the French national coach, believes the match against Wellington today will decide the outcome of the first international match. "If we lose this match, we will lose the first test", he said France meet New Zealand in the first of two international matches in Christchurch on June 16.

After winning their opening two tour games against modest opposition, France face a provincial first division team for the first time. They field their likely international match line-up

FRANCE XV: S Blanco, P Lagisquet, P Sella, D Cordoniou, P Esteve; J-P Lescarboura, P Berbizier; J-C Orso, J L Joinel, J Condom, J-P Garuet, F Haget, L Rodriguez, P Dospital, P Dintrans (Captain).

ATHLETICS

McLeod's chance for Olympic selection

By Pat Butcher

Mike McLeod has had his share of misfortune this season, a spiking contributing to his defeat in the Olympic 10,000 metres trial two weeks ago, but he could become one of the 13 athletes to gain automatic selection for Los Angeles, by winning the 5,000 metres trial in the meeting at Gateshead tomorrow sponsored by HFC Trust.

McLeod is wavering between the 5,000 metres and the Emsley Carr Mile tomorrow, but he knows that if he wins the 5,000 metres and asks to be transferred to his preferred distance of 10,000 metres for the Olympics, the selectors will find it impossible to refuse.

McLeod was widely expected to win the 10,000 metres trial at the UK championships, until the spiking, and the loss of his shoe. But he is on his best form since 1981, when he won the IAAF Golden 10,000 metres for the second time, and already has one of the fastest times of the year at 5,000 metres, with his 13min 27.5sec, at Crystal Palace last month.

In the absence of Tim Hutchings, whose injuries have so far stopped him capitalizing on his marvelous second place in the world cross-country championships, Eamonn Martin, the United Kingdom champion at 5,000 metres, and Dave Lewis have the only realistic chance of stopping McLeod, especially since the Gateshead track is virtually his back yard.

The steeplechase, which, with the women's long jump is enjoying a radical revival in Britain, should be the race of the day. Colin Reitz is the most fortunate recipient of a free passage to Los Angeles under the ill-considered pre-selection policy – he runs in the Emsley Carr Mile against Peter Elliott and Wilson Waigwa, of Kenya.

But that still leaves Graham Fell and Roger Hackney, fifth and sixth in the world championships last year, fighting for the first of the two remaining places against Paul Davies-Hale, who is being remarkably nonchalant about his 13min 24sec 5,000 metres in Brussels last week, the second fastest time in the world this year.

Sve Hearnshaw and Beverley Kinch are the women who are bringing long jumping up to a standard not seen in Britain since Mary Rand and Sheila Sherwood in the sixties. Miss Kinch's coach is keeping her out of the best competition until closer to the final Olympic selection date of June 24, but Miss Hearnshaw is on form for jumping seven metres legally tomorrow. She has already done that distance with a strong following wind.

The men's throwing events are also enjoying quickly rising standards, and could draw extra impetus from the Eastern bloc withdrawal from the Olympics. Martin Girvan and Matt Mileham have added almost five metres to British hammer record between them this season, and they meet for the first time tomorrow.

Some of tomorrow's battles will have nothing on the administrative one in London today. The Amateur Athletic Association faces its constituent clubs, who are demanding that the AAA merge with the other governing bodies in Britain, to form a proper, accountable, hierarchical body, called the UKAAA, which has been suggested by the report,

Lewis is not competing

San Jose (AFP) – Carl Lewis, the world champion 100 metres and long jump, has pulled out of this weekend's United States track and field championships here because he wants to avoid injury before the Olympic Games. His sister, Carol, has withdrawn from the women's long jump for the same reason. Lewis, who was due to take part in the 100 metres and long jump, said that he felt he was ready for next week's Olympic trials in Los Angeles.

Mary Decker, the winner of the women's 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres world titles in Helsinki last year, will also be absent.

Sports Commentary

David Miller

The Zola Budd affair illustrates all the worst about politics and nationalism in the Olympic Games, not to say the expediency of some newspapers and even athletes themselves. If the emigrating Miss Budd is an innocent party, the role of her father has to be questioned.

There are two good things to have come out of Wednesday night's Olympic trials, the first being Miss Budd has indelibly established her right as an athlete of whatever nationality to be at the world's premier event, which is supposed to be above politics.

That is not to say she will win a medal: her Crystal Palace time of 8 mins 40.22 sec, almost three seconds outside her personal best in February in Stellenbosch, is six seconds slower than Mary Tabb's winning time in the world championships, where six women, including two Russians, ran faster.

Running in bare feet in an Olympic final, even minus eastern Europeans, the remarkable world junior record holder will have to produce something special.

Expedient

Also to be welcomed is the resignation of Peter Pitt, chairman of the GLC arts and Recreation committee, who was involved in the suggestion that support should be, withdrawn from Crystal Palace if *Miss Budd did* not publicly condemn apartheid. Nothing could be more absurdly expedient and anti-democratic, however much we might agree with the sentiment. Elected public bodies cannot demand unilateral political gestures from, individuals, any more than I can withhold my rates becausel disapprove of Mr Livingstone's more bizarre financial donations to minority interests.

Thanks to liaison between the Home Office and representations from the *Daily Mail*, Miss Budd has been able to jump a queue of thousands to become a legitimate British citizen, and as such cannot be denied selection by the British Amateur Athletic Board, with the approval of the British Olympic Association and the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Juan Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, has said that since South Africa does not have to be approved by the eligibility commission if the IAAF sanction it.

But this is not to deny that Miss Budd, or rather her father and her coach, Pieter Labuschagne, have been naive in supposing that she could make the switch of national flags without arousing protest. Should she win a medal, what could be more ridiculous than the Union Jack being raised?

Manipulation

She would deserve the Medal as a runner, but could no more call herself British than could Allan Lamb, and can hardly expect coloured Africans or Asians to consider her anything but South African except by some bureaucratic piece of auditing.

The honour of her case as an athlete has been jeopardized by the financial manipulation of the *Daily Mail*, who have attempted to make her the thin counterpart of the traditional circus fat lady: a pound for a look, and double for a quote.

What is said is that the *Mail* trumpeting self-acclaim for the altruistic freeing of Miss Budd's exceptional talent has only further retarded the advance of those athletes whose case morally matters even more: the potential Olympic finalists such as Matthews Temane in the 5,000 metres and Freddie Williams in the 800 metres, who remain blighted by the apartheid stigma which Miss Budd could, though is not obliged to, condemn. That would make her a true Olympian.

RACING: FRENCH OA...

Saint-Martin to add another classic win on Grise Mine

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Yves Saint-Martin should win his second classic in a period of seven days when he partners Baron Guy de Rothschild's Grise Mine in the Prix de Diane Herme's (French Oaks) at Chantilly tomorrow.

The 10½ furlong event will be contested by two English fillies, Glowing With Pride and Satinette, but they might not be quite up to piercing the strongish Gallic defence. To follow Grise Mine home, I have preference for Northern Trick and Reine d'Egypte, while Eastland and Princeesse d'Elide must also be respected.

It was last Suday that Saint-Martin came with a late turn on Darshaan to take the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) and I expect him to employ similiar tactics on Grise Mine, who is sure to start favourite, the daughter of Crystal palace is unbeaten in three starts and is twice a group winner this season.

She came with her normal late run to take the Prix Vanteaux from Almeira (subsequently placed third by the stewards) and Rêve de Reine and was not stretched to defeat Northern Trick and Pampa Bella in the 10-furling Prix Saint-Alary.

Norther Trick began her racing career on April 23 when she took the Prix de Chaillot from Princesse d'Elide who is also in the Diane line-up. Francois Boutin was extremely pleased with Northern Trick after her final workout last Tuesday. Owned by Stavros Niarchos, the filly could make up for his misfortune with River Lady, who met with a fatal accident in the 1982 Diane when challenging for the lead

Criquette Head trained that year's eventual winner, Harbour, and her leading hope tomorrow will be Reine d'Egypte, who is by the Jockey-Club winner, Val de l'Orne out of the Diane Heroine Reine de Saba.

Of the two English fillies I have slight preference for Glowing With Pride, who has won the BBA Middleton Stakes from Sea Ballet since being outpaced in the 1,000 Guineas. Satinette, like Darshaan by Shirley Heights, was fourth to the leading Oaks fancy, Optimistic Lass, in the Musidora Stakes at York.

The Aga Khan's Lashkari could line up for the Joe McGrath Irish Sweeps Derby if he wins the Prix du Lys, which he should from Greek Sky and Dom le Moine. Finally, the Prix du Chemin de Fer Du Nord should go to Darly from Harlow, who Sir Mark Prescott sent recently to capture the Prix du Palais Royal.

CHANTILLY

GOING: good to soft.
DRAW: low numbers best.

PRIX DE DIANE HERMES (group I: 3-y-o fillies: £66,007: 1m 2f 110yd) (15 runners)

-453301	SALICA (Prince Fahad Al-Saud) R Collet 9-2	G Dubroeucq	7
014-002	SOARING (Mme G Bridgland) G Bridgland 9-2	R Briard	3
00-0113	PAMPA BELLA (Mme A Daubin) J-F Daubin 9-2	A Badel	1
4143-33	DAILY BUSY (Ecurie Deauville) N Mademet 9-2	M de Smyter	10
-211	EASTLAND (B McNall) P-L Biancone 9-2	W R Swinburn	11
-21	PRINCESSE D'ELIDE (P de Moussac) J Cunnington Jnr 9-2	M Philipperon	12
-12	NORTHERN TRICK (S Niarchos) F Boutin 9-2	C Asmussen	6
0-00012	UNE FOLIE (Mme P O'Neill) E Lellouche 9-2	A Gibert	14
3-101	GLOWING WITH PRIDE (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-2	Pat Eddery	4
0121-4	SATINETTE (Lord Porchester) W Hern 9-2	W Carson	5
0-2210	FARACHA (Baron G de Rothschild) A Fabre 9-2	P Bodin	2
1-11	GRISE MINE (Baron G de Rothschild) A Fabre 9-2	Y Saint-Martin	8
13-22	TORRIE ANN (Mrs A Stolery) D Smaga 9-2	A Lequeux	15
33-41	MIQUETTE (J Wertheimer) Mme C Head 9-2	M Lamy	9
22-211	REINE D'EGYPTE (J Wertheimer) Mme C Head 9-2	F Head	13

7-4 Grise Mine, Faracha (coupled), 3 Northern Trick, 11-2 Eastland, 10 Reine D'Egypte, Miquette (coupled), 12 Satinette, 14 Torrie Ann, 16 Glowing With Pride, Pampa Bella, Princesse D'Elide, 25 Une Folie, 33 Daily Busy, Soaring, 100 Salica.

CYCLING

Thomson breaks the Russian bear hug

By John Wilcockson

More than Irish eyes were smiling in the sunshine of Savile Park, Halifax yesterday when Gary Thomson free-wheeled below the Milk Race stage 11 finish banner with his arms held high in a victory salute. His pleasure at becoming the first Irishman to win a Milk Race stage since Sean Kelly in 1976 was shared by most of the race entourage.

Fellow riders from Sweden, Britain, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands all added their congratulations to those of his team manager Pat McQuaid and the other four members of the Raleigh Ireland Olympic Squad.

The reasons for their pleasures were both the manner of Thomsons's win – after a solo break of 28 miles – and the fact that the Russian team had been deprived of a 9th stage success.

There is little love lost between the Soviets and the other ten teams, as emphasized by a brief argument after Oleg Czougeda won the sprint for second place, 14 seconds behind Thomson. One of the West German riders obviously disagreed with the finishing tactics of Czougeda, the race leader, and he threw a beaker of milk over the Russian's head.

Thomson avoided the rough-house tactics by making a clean break from the pack as they descended through the sparkling air of Wharfdale. The Dubliner chose his moment well, just after the Great Britain amateur Jeff Williams had been caught after a similar, lone attack. "The Russian who'd chased me down had nothing left to go again," said Williams.

On passing through the stone archway at Bolton Abbey, Thomson was 15 seconds ahead, and he had increased this to a maximum of 63 secs, as he raced through the outskirts of Keighley, 15 miles from the finish.

On the hill out of Cullingworth, five miles later, the gap was only 22 seconds, little over 200 yards. "Most riders would have given up," said McQuaid. "But Gary won't give in. He has the same attitude as Kelly, he's a winner."

ELEVENTH STAGE: (Richmond to Halifax, 75 miles): 1, G Thomson (Ire) 3hr. 07min. 14sec; 2, O Czougeda (USSR) at 14sec; 3, J Perry (Czech); 4, A Zinoviev (USSR); 5, M Elliott (GB); 6, S Zmierskov (USSR); 7, M Lesniewski (Pol); 8, J Van Wijk (Neth); 9, C Henn (West Germany); 10, M Jonak (Czech).
OVERALL: 1, Czougeda 42hr. 48min. 58sec; 2, S Brykt (Swe) 1min. 10sec; 3, K Nisson (Swe) 3. 06; 4, N Martin (GB) 3. 08; 5, P Hilse (West Germany) 3. 17; 6, J Trawnicek (Czech) 3. 50; 7, Zmierskov 3. 57; 8, Van Wijk 3. 57; 9, V Gedanov (USSR) 3. 57; 10, Elliott 4 48. Other leading British and Irish; 14, P Watson (Young England) 6min 05sec; 15, J Williams (GB) 6. 07; 17, P Longbottom (GB) 6. 50; 19, Thomson 9. 05; 23, S Downey (Ire) 14. 41; 27, C Whorton (GB) 20. 53; 30, P Bayton (GB) 27. 45.

Moser loses pink jersey

Arabba, Italy (AP) – Laurent Fignon launched a successful attack in the last mountainous stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday to relieve the Italian veteran, Francesco Moser, the overall leader, of the pink jersey. Fignon, who arrived alone at the finish line in this resort in the Dolomite mountains, took the overall leadership with the twentieth stage.

The Frenchman sprinted on the slopes of Pordoi, in one of the toughest legs of the Giro marked by five mountainous passes, leaving Moser 2 min 19 sec behind.

Parisien, who had trailed Moser by 63 seconds before yesterday's stage, capitalized on a 20 second bonus awarded to the leg winner.

It was the first, but crucial stage victory in the Giro for Fignon, who covered the 106 miles from Selvi di Val Gardena to Arabba in 4hr 30min 26sec. He had gallantly pursued Moser in previous legs. "Today was my last opportunity for taking the pink jersey," he said "I attacked throughout and it paid off at last." Moser conceded that his French Rival "proved the best man today "and deserved the Jersey.

With only two stages to go, the Frenchman looks a certain winner, although he is clearly taking nothing for granted knowing that tomorrow's last stage, an against-the-clock test should suit Moser.

20th Stage: 1, Fignon, France, in 4:30.26 hours or 37.495 kmph; 2, J Van der Velde, Holland, 20 seconds behind; 3, M Argentin, Italy, 1:52 minutes behind; 4, E Pedersen, Norway, same time; 5, L Loro, Italy, 1:54; 6, L Van Impe, Belgium, S.T.; 7, M Lejarreta, Spain, ST; 8, F Moser, Italy, 2:19; 9, G Baronchelli, Italy, 2:20; 10, B Breu, Switzerland, 2:29 minutes behind.



Fignon: took overall lead

RUGBY LEAGUE

Myler's one hope is that Britain can roll away the light years

By Keith Macklin

Few people expect Great Britain to upset the odds in today's first international against Australia at Sydney. Even the coach, Frank Myler, restricts himself to assurances that his players will go all-out and might pull off a surprise. Officials of the game in Britain and principally the secretary-general, David Oxley, hope desperately for a good performance.

But defeat need not be a disaster. If the injury-handicapped 1984 tourists, without a recognized stand-off half and with a makeshift pack, manage to hold Australia to a narrow margin, this will be regarded as a moral victory and a great boost to morale for the British game.

In 1978 and 1982 in Britain, and on the last, disastrous Australasian tour in 1979, Britain were hammered and demoralized by a fitter, faster and more determined Australian team to such an extent that Rugby League headquarters' staff in Leeds feared a rapid decline in the game's popularity in this country. This has not yet materialized, but yet another catastrophic failure in a series against an improved New Zealand, could snap the loyalty and patience of British supporters.

The tour in 1979 was something of a fiasco. The Kangaroos slaughtered the Lions, begining with a 35-0 victory in a one-sided first international at Brisbane. Then in 1982 the Kangaroos waltzed arogantly through their tour, sweeping aside every challenge at club and international level.

At that time, observers said that the Australians were "light years ahead" and the game in Britain needed a total overhaul.

The task of producing a British team which can compete on even ters has fallen to the quietly-spoken Myler and his manager, Dick Gemmell. When Great Britain last won a series in Australia in 1970, Myler was captain. Some members of the touring party see this as an omen.

Myler has caused considerable controversy over his choice for the stand-off half position, an unenviable role for a man who must face the powerful, skilful and supermely fit Australian captain. Wally Lewis, Tony Myler, Steve Donlan and John Joyner are unfit, so the British coach has brought in the young Oldham back, Des Foy, whose penchant is more for attack than defence. Up front, Great Britain's plans have been upset by injury to the strong-running front row forward, Keith Rayner, which has meant that Goodway, in good form in the second row, has to move up.

Frank Stanton, the Australian coach, has six new caps in his squad and can do without such 1982 stars as Sterling, Meninga and Grothe. The British party will hope and pray that the New Zealand referee, Ray Shrimpton from Auckland, will give them the fair crack of the whip so often denied them on Australian grounds. It is Shrimpton's first interational appointment and his responsibility is great.

The other straw for Britain to clutch at is the fact that the Australians' march of 16 internationals without defeat was brought to an abrupt end last year when New Zealand upset the Kangaroos 19-12 at Brisbane.

AUSTRALIA: G Jack; R Conlon, G Miles, B Kenny, K Boustead, W Lewis (Captain), M Murray, R Price, W Pearce, B Niebling, G Dowling, G Conescu, D Brown. Reserves: C Close, C Young.
GREAT BRITAIN: M Burke, D Drummond, G Schofield, K Mumby, E Hanley, D Foy, N Holding, N Adams, M Worrall, C Burton, L Crooks, B Noble (Captain), A Goodway. Reserves: J Lydon, D Hobbs.
Referee: R Shrimpton (Aukland).

● Huyton have been given permission by the Rugby League to change their name to Runcorn Highield.

● Reg Bowden has resigned as player-coach of relegated Fulham to become coach at Warrington. He replaces Kevin Ashcroft.

MOTOR RACING

Dumfries has a point to be made

By Jeremy Shaw

The best young racing drivers from Britain and Europe will converge on Silverstone tomorrow for the sixth round of the European Formula Three championship.

Johnny Dumfries, from Scotland, beaten only once in eight English races this season, heads the home challenge in his Team BP Ralt-VW, but faces plenty of talented opposition. From Italy comes the very promising Ivan capelli, whose Alfa Romeo-engined Martini won last weekend's supporting race at the Monaco Grand Prix and who currently holds a one-point advantage over Dumfries in the European series.

Davy Jones, a teenaged American, is expected to be another pace-setter in his Eddie Jordan Racing/Acorn Ralt-Toyota, the car aided by a recent switch from Dunlop to Yokohama tyres, while Gerhard Berger, from Austria, the winner of the latest round in his home country, and Tommy Byrne, from Ireland, will also be pushing hard for honours.

John Nielsen, from Denmark, will not be present after crashing heavily at Monaco. He is recuperating in Germany from a badly broken pelvis.



Cudgel fighting survives in a Cotswold tradition three centuries old

Games of harmony on Dover's Hill

On Dover's Hill, where the flatness of the Vale of Evesham meets the scarp of the Cotswolds, the folk of the vale and the wold meet together one a year to celebrate the sporting ideal in Robert Dover's Games, also known as the Cotswold Olympics.

So it was again this year, when a day of rain gave way to an evening of broken blue sky and thousands made their way to the hill in the parish of Weston Subedge, not far from Chipping Camden, to continue a tradition more than three centuries old.

In a natural amphitheatre, they cheered loudest for a little boy of 10 who came fifth against others much older and bigger, and for the girls from a teacher training college in a tug of war who had never put a hand to rope in earnest before.

"It's just atmosphere. It is impossible to put it into words," Francis Burns, the secretary of the Robert Dover's Games Society said. And so it was. When the sun turned to red, the young men wrestled, Cotswold style, for the title of Champion of the Hill; and the bonfire blazed and fireworks peppered the darkening sky. Then, finally, the thousands took lighted torches down from the Cotswold Edge into Chipping Camden, for dancing and ale drinking throughout the night.

This is a very local affair. Preferring to keep their independance, the organizers avoid sponsorship. They need to take £3,000 at the gate to break even, and never really know how much has been raised until Monday, when they all meet at the treasurer's house to count the takings.

Bloated by commerce, the Games would lose their charm. That has already happened once, in the 1850s when the crowds grew so large and the attendant rowdyism so pronounced that the hill was enclosed and the Games died.

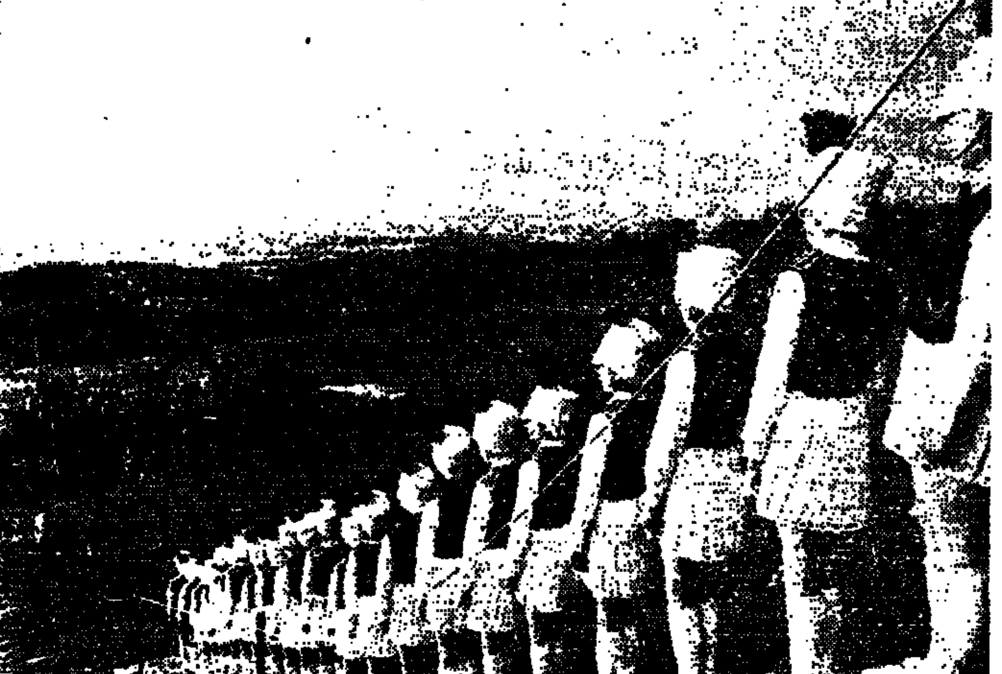
Next held in 1951, as part of the Festival of Britain, the Games were fully revived 15 years later and have prospered ever since, with the main objective of promoting traiditional Cotswold events. The ancient art of Cotswold wrestling, for example, had been brought back to life, although shin-kicking has been dropped, for being too brutal, (at one time, shin-kickers wore steel tips to their boots).

The Games also provide a setting for the art of cudgel-play, kept alive by Matthew Alexander, who this year fought an exhibition with his brother-in-law, Chris Barnard. Dressed as gentlemen of 1636, they began with cries of "God save our eyes" – not surprisingly, as the object was to draw blood from your opponents head.

Pretty soon, Alexander was lying on his back. Blood came from a gash over his right eye and trickled down his nose. "Is that real? a girl asked as he walked over for a reviving draught of ale. "Yes," he said, heading for the first-aid post before his wife could see him.

What is known of the real Robert Dover is that he was from Norfolk, studied at Cambridge, took legal training at Gray's Inn and settled in the Cotswolds in 1611 as a barrister. It seems probable that he became involved in a traditional Cotswold Whitsuntide festivity and reshaped it. The most likely date for the first Games is Whitsun Week, 1612. Dover died in July 1652, at the age of 70, but his Games live on.

Paul Harrison



Drum-majorettes overlook the wooden castle which provides a backdrop to the opening of Robert Dover's Cotswold Olympics (Photograph: Norman Lomax)

MOTOR CYCLING

McElnea changes course

From Michael Scott, Isle of Man

Rob McElnea won the open class Premier Classic TT in record time here yesterday, beating Joey Dunlop by 14.2 seconds, and promptly confirmed his decision to quit TT racing.

"I enjoy the challenge of the public roads, but I have achieved everything I could have hoped for," the South Humberside rider, aged 24, said. "From now on, I'll be concentrating on the grand prix." Within an hour, he had left the Isle of Man by private aircraft for today's first practice for Monday's French Grand Prix.

McElnea's race average on his 998cc four-stroke Suzuki was 116.122mph, and he also set the lap record of 117.37mph.

Dunlop (920cc Honda) led the first and fourth laps of yesterday's race, held in hot sunny conditions, and Mick Grant (Suzuki) had a brief spell in the lead, after also breaking the lap record. But he and Dunlop both had to stop twice for fuel, while McElnea managed the 226.5 miles with just one fuel stop. It was McElnea's second TT win this year.

Mick Grant, also in his last TT, came a secure third, with the German Honda privateer Klaus Klein fourth.

In the afternoon Production TT for standard road motorcycles – the first since 1976 – Kawasaki took the first three places, with Geoff Johnson leading Barry Woodland and Howard Selby.

Trevor Nation (Honda) narrowly beat Helmut Dahne on a similar machine in the 750cc class, while in the 250cc class Phil Mellor (Yamaha) led Suzuki riders, Chris Fardher and Mac Oxley, across the line.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIER CLASSIC, (1300cc, 226 miles): 1 R McElnea (Suzuki) 1hr 56min 58.2sec; speed 116.12mph – record; 2, J Dunlop (Honda), 1:57:12.4, 115.88mph; 3, J Dunlop (Honda), 1:58:26.2, 114.68mph; 4, M Klein (Suzuki), 2:0:51, 112.39mph; 5, M Johns (Suzuki), 2:1:53.6, 111.43mph; 6, B Woodland (Suzuki), 2:3:2, 110.39mph. Record lap: R McElnea (Suzuki) 19:18.8, 117.13mph.

PRODUCTION BIKE, 113 miles, 1500cc: 1, G Johnson (Kawasaki) 1hr 4min 30.4sec, 105.28mph; 2, B Woodland (Kawasaki), 1:5:5, 104.34mph; 3, H Selby (Kawasaki), 1:5:10.8, 104.19mph. Fastest lap: Woodland: 21min 15.8sec (106.46 mph).

750cc: 1, T Nation (Honda), 1hr 6min 26.2sec (102.24mph); 2, H Dahne (Honda), 1:6:27.4 (102.19mph); 3, D Dean (Honda), 1:7:39.6 (100.37mph). Fastest lap: Nation 21:59.0 (102.97mph). 250cc: 1, P Mellor (Yamaha), 1:13:21.4 (92.58mph); 2, C Fargher (Suzuki), 1:13:41.2 (92.16mph); 3, M Oxley (Suzuki), 1.13:57.6 (91.82mph). Fastest lap: Mellor 24:4.8 (94.01mph).

IN BRIEF

Schools stopped in their tracks

The Welsh Schools Athletics Assiciation has cancelled their annual Milk Marketing Board – sponsored championships for the first time in over 30 years, claiming that industrial action by teachers in support of their pay claim has prevented them from adequately staffing the meeting.

"I'm very disppointed for the pupils. This is what they have been training for all year." Frank Davies, the association's chairman, said yesterday. "Some of the young athletes won't now get the chance to show off their talent to the selectors picking the Welsh team for home international match."

BOXING: The WBC light-middleweight championship between Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran at Las Vegas on June 15 will be relayed live by Satellite Express to British cinemas. The programme, which will also include the Coventry middleweight Errol Christie's contest against Bradd Lally, of Michigan, will start at 2.00 am next Saturday in cinemas in London, Birmingham, Oxford, Manchester and Glasgow.

● Bobby Wells, the ABA super-heavyweight champion from Kingston, will be boxing in the British team at the Olympic Games after all. The 23-year-old lorry driver, whose father, Billy Wells, boxed in the Mexico Olympics as a heavyweight, has been added to the British team

HOCKEY

Neston tanned by Dutch in midday sun

From Sydney Friskin, Tarrasa

Neston 1
Klein Zwitserland 5

Neston, despite a valiant effort in the second half, were destroyed in the midday sun yesterday by the Dutch champions, Klein Zwitserland, who laid their claims to top place in group B of the European club championship here. But the Cheshire club are not discouraged and are hoping to beat the Italian club, Eur Spei, today.

After conceding two goals in the first half Neston started the second with renewed vigour.

Neston's resurgence, however, was too good to last. Klein Zwitserland recovered their composure and regained ascendancy with Ties Kruize, aided by his brother Hidde, dominating play.

NESTON: C Ashcroft, K D Peters, C Cobleyn, P McEown, M Wilkinson, D Stannard, T Pickstall (sub R Smith), J Royce, S Greene, P Renshaw, D Church.
KLEIN ZWITSERLAND: J Claushuis, Hans Kruize, H Jonkman (sub H Vriesendorp), K Kosen Evan der Meulen, M van Heeswijk, R Steens, Hidde Kruize, M van Grinsbergen, T Kruize, T Borstap.
Umpires: S Koso (Spain) and R Kendrick (Ireland).

WEEKEND FIXTURES

GOLF: Amateur championship (at Formby GC)
TENNIS: GMC Tournament (at Manchester); Kentish Times Tournament finals (at Beckenham, 1.30).
ROAD RUNNING: Canterbury 10km; Polytechnic Marathon (at Windsor).
ROWING: National Schools Regatta (at Nottingham); WRC Barnes and Mortlake Regatta.
SWIMMING: SCASA Championships (at Crystal Palace NSC, 1.30).
MOTOR RACING: Vintage Sport Car Club Richard Seaman Trophies meeting (at Oulton Park, 1.15).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

International match
Brazil v England (at Rio de Janiero, 8.30 BST)

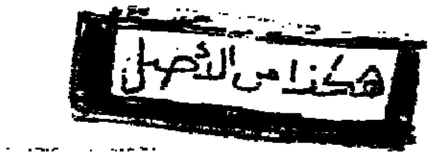
OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: HFC Trust Olympic Trials (Gateshead, 1.30).
FENCING: Epée Team championships (at Beaumont Centre, West Kensington).
TENNIS: Kentish Times Tournament finals (at Beckenham, 1.30).
ROAD RUNNING: Women's 10km race (at Crystal Palace).
ROWING: Reading Amateur Regatta.

Gold scholarships

New Delhi (AFP) – India's men's hockey team will receive scholarships worth 100,000 rupees (£7,000) for every player if they retain the gold medal they won in the 1980 Moscow Olympics at this summer's Los Angeles games.

The scholarship offer stands for all India's Olympics competitors, in athletics, boxing, wrestling and shooting.



RACING: UNPROVEN STAMINA OF IMPRESSIVE MUSIDORA STAKES WINNER WORTH RISKING IN FILLIES' CLASSIC

OAKS FIELD

3.0 OAKS STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o fillies: £122,040: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

302	80-3	CAMDEN MILLY (b Camden Town - Milly Whiteway) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 9-0 (Yellow, emerald green star, hooped cap)	G Duffield	14
303	313-1	CIRCUS PLUME (b High Top - Golden Fez) (Sir R McAlpine) J Dunlop 9-0 (McAlpine Tartan, gold armlets and cap)	L Piggott	5
304	1-2	EASY TO COPY (BF) (b Affirmed - Talking Picture) (Moyglare Stud Farm) D Weld (Ire) 9-0 (Black, white sleeves, red cap black star)	M Kinane	8
306	310-10	KANZ (C) (The Minstrel - Treasure Chest) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-0 (Maroon, white sleeves and cap)	G Starkey	4
307	21220-1	MALAAK (The Minstrel - Majestic Kahala) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)	W Shoemaker	13
308	1303	MEDIA LUNA (b Star Appeal - Sounion) (Rokvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0 (Light blue, purple epaulets, quartered cap)	P Cook	7
309	1110-00	MILDRED (B) (ch Milford - Wandoo) (W Allen) D Sasse 9-0 (Pink, black spots on body and cap, hooped sleeves)	R Cochrane	10
310	1-401	MISS BEAULIEU (b Northfields - Miss Monaco) (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 (Dark blue, white sleeves and cap)	W Carson	12
311	1-1	OPTIMISTIC LASS (Mr Prospector - Loveliest) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 (Maroon, white sleeves and star on cap)	W R Swinburn	15
312	3-10	OUR SHIRLEY (b Shirley Heights - Coal Face) (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 9-0 (White, green and yellow striped sleeves, yellow and white quartered cap)	P Waldron	11
313	144-1	OUT OF SHOT (D) (b Shirley Heights - Shooting Season) (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan) J Dunlop 9-0 (White, black hoop and armlets, red cap gold tassel)	P Eddery	2
314	42	POQUITO QUEEN (ch Explodent - Senorita Poquito) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-0 (Black and white diamonds, black cap)	S Cauthen	3
315	13-0	REAL GOLD (gr Yankee Gold - Roman Folly) (Mrs A Ferguson) J Harty (Ire) 9-0 (Black and gold stripes, gold sleeves, red cuffs, red and white striped cap)	S Raymond	9
316	210	RUFF'S LUCK (D) (b Ruffinal - A Lucky Lady) (W Norton) G Harwood 9-0 (Royal blue and white hoops, red sleeves, orange cap)	Y Saint-Martin	1
317	4-402	SPINELLE (ch Great Nephew - Jacinth) (D Harris) G Harwood 9-0 (Light blue, brown chevron and cap)	A Clark	6

1983 Sun Princess (9-0) W Carson (6-1) W Hern 15 ran.

4 Circus Plume, 5 Optimistic Lass, 6 Malaak, Poquito Queen, 10 Real Gold, Easy To Copy, 12 Miss Beaulieu, 14 Kanz, 16 Out Of Shot, 20 Spinelle, 40 Camden Milly, Media Luna, Ruff's Luck, 50 Mildred, Our Shirley.

FORM: CAMDEN MILLY (8-7) ran on, 2l 3rd of 11 to Glowing With Pride (9-0) (York 1m 2.5f, £3791, good to firm, May 15). CIRCUS PLUME (8-7) stayed on well, beat Leipzig (8-7) 1½l with OUR SHIRLEY (8-7) 7th and KNZ (8-12) last of 8 (Newbury 1m 2f, £8467, Good, May 18). last season (8-9) kept on same pace, 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Nepula (8-9) (Ascot 8f, £23047, good to firm, Sept 22). Earlier (8-11) beat Troyanna (8-11) 3l (Salisbury 7f, £1497, good, Sept 7, 19 ran). EASY TO COPY (8-9) neck 2nd of 8 to So Fine (9-2) (Leopardstown 1m 3f, £1725, firm, May 5). Last season (9-0) beat Quick Reference (9-0) 2l (Leopardstown 8f, £1242, good to soft, Oct 29, 17 ran). KANZ (8-9) earlier beat Triagonal (8-9) 3l (Epsom 8.5f, £23328, firm, Apr 25, 12 ran. MALAAK (9-0) easily beat Coulee Queen (8-10) 4l (Chester 1m 2f, £15248, good to firm, May 9, 10 ran). Last season (8-11) just under 2l 5th of 12 to Desirable (8-11) (Newmarket 6f, £41918, good, Sept 28). Previously (8-8) ½l 2nd of 10 to Boezinge (8-8) Salisbuty, 6f, £3527, good, Sept 8). MISS BEAULIEU (8-8) beat Celtic Assembly (8-3) ¾l with MILDRED (8-8) not in first 9 of 15 Goodwood 1m 2f, £8558, good to firm, May 24). Previously (9-0) 7¼l 7th of 15 to Pebbles (9-0) in 1000 Guineas (Newmarket 8f, £87009 good to firm, May 3). OPTIMISTIC LASS (9-0) ran on well, beat POQUITO QUEEN (9-0) 1½l with RUFFS LUCK (9-0) 6th of 9, beaten 7¼l (York 1m 2.5f, £26523, good to firm, May 15). Last season (8-11) beat Balearica (8-11) 1l (Newmarket 6f, £4135, Good, Oct 15, 23 ran). OUT OF SHOT (9-0) beat SPINELLE (8-9) a short head with MEDIA LUNA (9-0) 3rd of 7, beaten just over 1l (Lingfield 1m 4f, £19858, good, May 11). last season (8-6) 6l 4th of 9 to Satinette (8-6) (Doncaster 8f, £16158, good to firm, Sept 8). POQUITO QUEEN behing OPTIMISTIC LASS Last time. previously (8-11) 3½l 4th of 16 to Brocade (8-11) (Newbury 7f, £2928, good, Apr 14). REAL GOLD (9-0) nearest finish, about 1½l 7th of 23 to Katies (9-0) (Curragh 8f, £68268, good to firm, May 26). Last season (8-6) 3½l 3rd of 12 to Darshaan (8-9) (Saint-Cloud 1m 2f, £18298, good, Nov 2).

Selection: MALAAK

Optimistic Lass poised to be Epsom's leading lady

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Optimistic Lass, my selection to win the Oaks, sponsored by Gold Seal, at Epsom this afternoon, has already shown that she has sufficient class by winning the Musidora Stakes ove mile and two and a half furlongs at York. Whether she has sufficient stamina is something that neither I nor Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn, her trainer and jockey, know.

However, I feel that the risk is worth taking, even though her pedigree points to her being a 10-furlong specialist. It is significant that Swinburn has chosen to ride Optimistic Lass in preference to her stable companion, Malaak, who has won over a mile and a half. It is also pertinent that Stoute was keener to run her today instead of in the French Oaks tomorrow, which is over a shorter distance.

There are only two fillies in today's field – Malaak and Out of Shot – who have won over a mile and a half. So if you do not fancy either of them you have to delve into the world of the unknown.

What impressed me about Optimistic Lass at York was the way that she quickened her pace to take control of the race halfway up the straight. When she did she left Poquito Queen for dead. True, Poquito Queen was staying on nicely at the end, but there was still no disguising the fact that she was completely and utterly outpaced.

Malaak produced a splendid burst of speed to win the Cheshire Oaks. However, the fillies she beat at Chester did not compare favourably with Optimistic Lass's opposition at York.

If Pat Eddery experienced problems trying to nurse El Gran Señor home in the Derby he could easily find life even harder this afternoon on Out Of Shot, the narrow winner of the Lingfield Park Oaks Trial, who looks anything but an armchair ride as she continually swishes her tail when under pressure.

Out Of Shot is trained at Arundel by John Dunlop, whose best chance of winning this classic for the first time probably rests with Circus Plume. Dunlop told me yesterday that Circus Plume, in particular, had thrived since winning the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes at Newbury last month, but even he admitted to having reservations about her lasting a mile and a half.

It is significant, though, that Lester Piggott, in his attempt to equal Frank Buckle's record of 27 English classics, has picked Circus Plume in preference to Miss Beaulieu, who won the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood.

Kanz is the only member of today's field to have won at Epsom. The way that she did so in April was pleasing enough at the time, but the form had not worked out too well and she herself has run badly since.

Easy To Copy and Real Gold, the two Irish challengers, both look certain to do well over a mile and a half, if their pedigrees are anything to go by. They have also run well enough in good company in Ireland to indicate that they pose a threat.

However, I am hopeful that Swinburn can nurse Optimistic in this classic, six years after Fair Salinia's triumph. Stoute's decision to get permission to parade his two fillies down the course past the stands during the race meeting at Newmarket last Friday was a fine example of his professional attitude and attention to detail. As a result neither Optimistic Lass nor Malaak should become upset by the lengthy proceedings before this afternoon's classic.

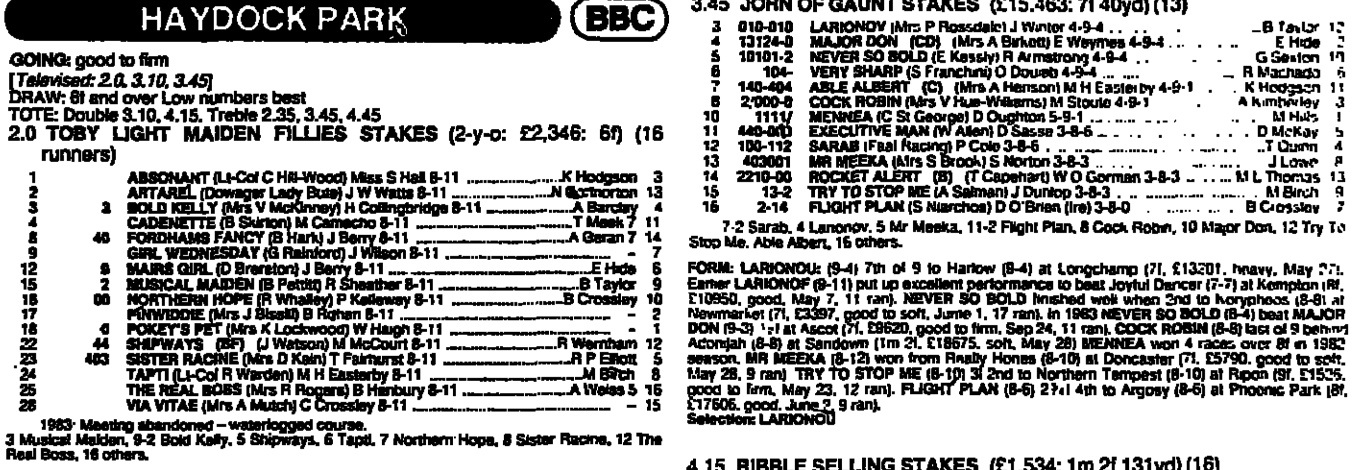
No matter how Miss Beaulieu runs in the big race, John Pearce, her owner-breeder from Hongkong, should still savour the occasion, thanks to Miss Saint-Cloud, who is napped to win the Ever Ready Ebbisham Handicap. Miss Saint-Cloud won her only race this season at Newbury in April. The form of that race has worked out particularly well, with the second, third and fourth all winning in the meantime.

At Haydock Park I am torn between Forest Of Dean and Tapping Wood, two of my favourite horses, for the Stones Best Bitter Handicap. With Sam M and Crampton dropping by the wayside yesterday, the weights have gone up 7lb. That makes Forest Of Dean's task harder so I prefer Tapping Wood, who finished with such gusto to win his last race at Doncaster. Tapping Wood missed what looked like a much easier race at Epsom yesterday to run here instead.

Finally, there should be another excellent race at Haydock for the John of Gaunt Stakes with Larionov, Never So Bold, Salab and Flight Plan all standing their ground. Flight Plan is trained in Ireland by David O'Brien, who triumphed with Secretion in Wednesday's Derby.

However, in this instance I must give Larionov another chance because he put up one of the best weight carrying performances of the season when he beat Joyful Dancer in the Jubilee Stakes. Apparently Larionov's latest performance in France was too bad to be true.





Hoofing it: "The Long Fellow" shows "The Shoe" the way at Epsom yesterday. Lester Piggott on Prince of Peace beat Willie Shoemaker on Sikorsky into third place in the Northern Dancer Handicap – an omen for today's Oaks? (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Royal Ascot next for Prince of Peace

By Michael Seely

Prince of Peace gave the Maktoum family of Dubai a boost for their hopes in this afternoon's Oaks when carrying Shaikh Mohammed's colours to victory in the Northern Dancer Handicap at Epsom yesterday. "We've got Optimistic Lass, Kanz and Malaak," John Leat, the Shaikh's principal advisor said. "Let's hope they finish 1-2-3".

Ridden by Lester Piggott, Prince of Peace put up a magnificent weight-carrying performance when beating Fitzpatrick by one and a half lengths carrying 9st 8lb and has earned himself a tilt at Royal Ascot. The four-year-old is now undefeated in four runs this season.

"Colonel Dick Warden bought him as a fun horse out of Michael Connolly's stable in Ireland last year. But he certainly appears to be a bit better than that now," Mr Leat said.

Mr Leat received the winning trophy on behalf of the owner from Charles Taylor, the president of Windfields Farms, who sponsored yesterday's race. And it was good to hear that the fabulous 23-year-old Northern Dancer has covered his full list of mares.

"Northern Dancer has had his 1983 book of 42 mares reduced to 38," Mr Taylor said. "He fell over in the mating shed at the end of April and injured a hip. But he has made a full recovery, and has been covering a mare a day recently."

Officially, a nomination to the wonder stallion costs $500,000. "However, it's very hard to get hold of one," Mr Taylor continued "and I've heard of them changing hands for 800,000 dollars." It was also confirmed that it is the present intention for El Gran Senor to join his illustrious father for stallion duties in Maryland when his racing days are over.

"My company owns a third, however. The majority shareholding belongs to Robert Sangster and his associates", Mr Taylor added. "So it remains to be seen what happens about the rumoured amazing offer they have had."

EPSOM (ITV)

GOING: good
[Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 3.0]
DRAW: up to 1m 2f Low numbers best
TOTE: Double 3.0, 4.5. Treble: 2.15, 3.35, 4.40

1.45 TOKYO TROPHY HANDICAP (£7,986: 6f) (9 runners)

104	1-43430	SINGING SAILOR (Introgroup Holdings) R Hannon 5-8-7	L Piggott	1
105	031-000	KIRCHNER (D) (D Harrison) G Lewis 5-8-7	P Waldron	5
108	3-10100	TOBERMORY BOY (D) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 7-8-12	K Darley	6
109	11/00	CLANDESTIN (Miss K Richards) C Austin 5-8-9	P Robinson	3
110	0-01000	PUSEY STREET (D) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 7-8-7	Pat Eddery	7
111	0-04000	SYLVAN NAVARRO (B)(D) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-6	G Duffield	8
112	0321-00	FERRYMAN (D) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 8-8-3	B Rouse	4
115	100-030	IT'S A PLEASURE (D)(BF) (Mrs M Hunt) W Wightman 4-7-12	R Still	2
116	000020	ISMORE (B) (T Upton) W Guest 4-7-11	G Dickie 7	9

1983: One Degree 4-7-8 M Thomas (25-1) A Turnell 15 ran.

5-2 Kirchner, 4 Sylvan Navarro, 5 Ferryman, 13-2 Singing Sailor, 8 Tobermory Boy, Pusey Street, 12 It's A Pleasure, 14 others.

FORM: SINGING SAILOR (10) 7l 5th of 12 to Kathred (8-9) (Kempton 6f, £4893, good, May 5). KIRCHNER (9-12) 3¾l 8th of 19 to Reesh (8-6) (Newmarket 6f, £8565, good to firm, Apr 18). TOBERMORY BOY (9-5) not in first 8 of 14 to Mandrake Belle (7-7) (Redcar 5f, £3864, good, May 29). CLANDESTIN (9-8) last of 13 to Remorseless (9-10) (Lingfield 7f, £5025, good to soft, May 26). SYLVAN NAVARRO (9-5) 4½l 5th of 11 to Dawns Delight (8-4) with PUSSY STREET (9-7) 6th, beaten 5½l (Lingfield 6f, £3225, good to soft, May 26). ISMORE (9-6) weakened final furlong, 8½l 6th of 9 to Tree Fella (8-9) (Haydock 7f, £3303, firm, May 26). Previously (8-9) 4½l 3rd of 18 to Deputy Head (9-4) with IT'S A PLEASURE (8-11) 9th, beaten 7½l and PUSSY STREET (9-6) out of first 9 (Newbury 6f, £4246, good, May 19).

Selection: ISMORE

Epsom selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Kirchner. 2.15 MISS SAINT-CLOUD (nap). 3.0 Optimistic Lass. 3.35 Opera Comique. 4.5 Royal Recourse. 4.40 Portogon.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Ismore. 2.15 Turn The Key. 3.0 Optimistic Lass. 3.35 Indian Flower. 4.5 Royal Recourse.

By Michael Seely
1.45 Kirchner. 3.0 Optimistic Lass.

2.15 EVER READY EBBISHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £7,804: 1m 110yd) (11)

201	03-0400	BRYONY ROSE (B) (T Oxley) A Jarvis 9-7	L Piggott	8
203	411-00	VISIBLE FORM (G Keller) L Cumani 9-2	D McHargue	5
204	1-1	MISS SAINT-CLOUD (J Pearce) M Stoute 9-2	W R Swinburn	10
205	321-001	CHANNEL AFFAIR (J Bedford) P Cole 8-13 (4 ex)	S Cauthen	3
206	2162-14	SEATTLE ROSE (CD) (C Karpidas) P Walwyn 8-11	Pat Eddery	1
207	01-4	TURN THE KEY (D McIntyre) J Winter 8-11	W Carson	4
208	000042-	TENNIS PENNY (G Kaye) P Kelleway 8-6	G Duffield	7
209	00023-3	MIRALOVE (J Hoyer) R Armstrong 8-6	P Robinson	6
210	413-0	SHEEOG (G Ward) D Arbuthnot 8-1	P Cook	11
211	333-	NO REPROACH (R Sangster) B Hills 7-10	R Fox	2
213	000-000	ASCOT BELLE (A Richards) D Hanley 7-7	J Jenkinson	9

1983: Sedra 9-1 B Raymond (8-1) J Dunlop 11 ran.

11-4 Miss Saint-Cloud, 7-2 Miralove, 9-2 Seattle Rose, 6 Turn The Key, 13-2 Channel Affair, 8 Visible Form, 12 Sheeog, 14 others.

FORM: BRYONY ROSE (8-6) 6th of 8 to Silent Sun (8-0) (Lingfield 1m 2f, £2553, good to soft, May 26). VISIBLE FORM (9-1) 6¾l 5th of 9 to Sarab (8-6) (Newmarket 7f, £8168, firm, May 5). MISS SAINTCLOUD (9-3) beat Really Honest (9-7) 1½l (Newbury 8f, £3346, good, Apr 13, 15 ran). CHANNEL AFFAIR (8-13) beat Tizzy (7-9) 1l (Brighton 8f, £3759, good, May 31, 7 ran). TURN THE KEY (8-5) 12¾l h of 10 to Leipzig (8-5) (Kempton 8f, £7556, good, June 2). TENNIS PENNY (9-2) 1l 2nd of 17 to Our Lady (8-5) (Nottingham 8f, £2110, good to firm, Oct 25). MIRALOVE ROSE (8-9) 1¾l 3rd of 17 to Scarlet O'Hariot (8-0) with SEATTLE ROSE (9-1) 4th, beaten 4¾l (York 8f, £4194, good to firm, May 15). SHEEOG (8-8) 7th of 13 to Really Honest (8-5) (Goodwood 8f, £3553, good to soft, May 22). NO REPROACH (8-8) 8½l 3rd of 21 to Mahogany (8-8) (Newbury 7f, £4608, good, Sept 16).

Selection: VISIBLE FORM

3.0 OAKS STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o fillies: £122,040: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE ABOVE

3.35 EVER READY ACORN STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £4,479: 5f) (10)

401	2311	ADELPHAI (B)(D) (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 8-11	T Ives	5
402	312	AL SYLAH (D)(BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-11	A Murray	6
403	01033	EDWIN'S PRINCESS (CD) (V Randall) K Ivory 8-11	R Cochrane	8
404	21121	OPERA COMIQUE (D) (B Higgins) B Swift 8-11	J Reid	9
405	301	SINGLE LOVE (D) (Dr C Labrecciosa) B Hanbury 8-11	L Piggott	4
406	3112	Y I OYSTON (D) (R Oyston) J Berry 8-11	K Darley	7
407	0303	ENCHANTED LADY (A Berzack) K Ivory 8-7	P Robinson	10
408	20	PARTY GAME (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-7	S Cauthen	3
410		INDIAN FLOWER (K Bethel) R Boss 8-4	Pat Eddery	2
411		NINATTASH (B Wheatley) M Pipe 8-4	A Clark	1

1983: Nophe 8-4 P Cook (5-2) Thomson Jones 7 ran.

5-2 Al Sylah, 4 Adelphai, 5 Opera Comique, Single Love, 8 Y I Oyston, 10 Indian Flower, 12 others.

4.5 ASHTEAD STAKES (3-y-o: £2,742: 7f) (10)

501	04-031	GREEN RUBY (E Weinstein) A Jarvis 9-2	L Piggott	10
502	040-1	TIMURS DOUBLE (Ld Leverhulme) R Houghton 9-2	J Reid	8
506	6	FORWARD MARCH (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 8-12	S Cauthen	3
507	0-40	GREY BEARD (Elisha Holding) A Ingham 8-12	Pat Eddery	4
508	003-000	JOHN PATRICK (P Bowes) P Mitchell 8-12	G Starkey	9
509	000	LYPHARD'S SAINT (B) (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 8-12	A Murray	1
511	00-20	MR KEY (BF) (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 8-12	P Waldron	2
514	0-022	ROYAL RECOURSE (R Galpin) R Williams 8-12	W Shoemaker	6
518	000-02	BRIDGE STREET LADY (M Wilkinsp J Bosley 8-9	P Robinson	7
521		DISOVER GOLD (P Wheatley) M Jarvis 8-8	B Raymond	5

1983: Princess Zita 8-9 W Carson (13-8 fav) J Dunlop 8 ran.

11-8 Green Ruby, 15-8 Royal Recourse, 6 Bridge Street Lady, 8 Timurs Double, 12 Grey Beard, 14 others.

4.40 ABBOTS HILL HANDICAP STAKES (£3,012: 1m 110yd) (11)

601	00-0000	CORN STREET (M Wilkins) J Bosley 6-9-10	Pat Eddery	6
602	00-1000	SOME LUTE (G Vanian) D Elsworth 7-9-8	L Piggott	9
603	0-00310	PORTOGON (T Marshall) M Usher 6-9-7 (5 ex)	N Adams 7	10
605	400-000	HIT THE HEIGHTS (C) (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 3-9-0	P Waldron	2
606	00-4024	MINMAX (B)(BF) (M Heinimann) Pat Mitchell 6-8-12	S Cauthen	11
607	0-00000	VICEROY LAD (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 3-8-1	W Shoemaker	8
608	00-0002	TRUMPS (D Hunnisett) B Swift 4-7-13	R Fox	5
609	130-000	SOME SUNNY DAY (R Gibbons) C Benstead 4-7-7	R Still	1
610	404-124	STYLISH MOVER (CD)(BF) (Burton & Smith) B Stevens 5-7-7	P Robinson	3
611	0000-04	KING OF SPEED (Mrs J Quigley) M Haynes 5-7-7	J Jenkinson	7
612	000-240	FAST SERVICE (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-7-7	R Street	4

1983: Uplands Park 4-8-8 P Bradwell (10-1) C Brittain 10 ran.

3 Portogon, 4 Trumps, 9-2 Stylish Mover, 11-2 Corn Street, Some Lute, 8 Minmax, 12 Hit The Heights, 16 others.

Blinkered first time

WARWICK: 5.40 Ghizlan. 6.30 Destroy. 7.0 Shop Talk, Tcoya. 8.30 Running Bull, Istisamm.
EPSOM: 4.05 Lyphard's Saint.
CATTERICK: 2.45 Gastronomic, Lights Of Slane.
HAYDOCK: 2.35 Harlyn Bay. 3.10 Chelkov, Tapping Wood. 3.45 Rocket Alert. 4.45 Showtime.

HAYDOCK PARK (BBC)

GOING: good to firm
[Televised: 2.0, 3.10, 3.45]
DRAW: 8f and over Low numbers best
TOTE: Double 3.10, 4.15. Treble 2.35, 3.45, 4.45

2.0 TOBY LIGHT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,346: 6f) (16 runners)

1		ABSONANT (Lt-Col C Hill-Wood) Miss S Hall 8-11	K Hodgson	3
2		ARTAREL (Dowager Lady Bute) J W Watts 8-11	N Connorton	13
3	3	BOLD KELLY (Mrs V McKinney) H Collingridge 8-11	A Barclay	4
4		CADENETTE (B Skirton) M Camacho 8-11	T Meek 7	11
8	40	FORDHAMS FANCY (B Hark) J Berry 8-11	A Geran 7	14
9		GIRL WEDNESDAY (G Rainford) J Wilson 8-11	–	7
12	6	MAIRS GIRL (D Brereton) J Berry 8-11	E Hide	6
15	2	MUSICAL MAIDEN (B Pettitt) R Sheather 8-11	B Taylor	9
16	00	NORTHERN HOPE (R Whalley) P Kelleway 8-11	B Crossley	10
17		PINWIDDIE (Mrs J Bissill) B Righam 8-11	–	2
18	4	POKEY'S PET (Mrs K Lockwood) W Haigh 8-11	–	1
22	44	SHIPWAYS (BF) (J Watson) M McCourt 8-11	R Wernham	12
23	403	SISTER RACINE (Mrs D Kain) T Fairhurst 8-11	R P Elliott	5
24		TAPTI (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	8
25		THE REAL BOSS (Mrs R Rogers) B Hanbury 8-11	A Weiss 5	16
26		VIA VITAE (Mrs A Mutch) C Crossley 8-11	–	15

1983: Meeting abandoned – waterlogged course.

3 Musical Maiden, 9-2 Bold Kelly, 5 Shipways, 6 Tapti, 7 Northern Hope, 8 Sister Racine, 12 The Real Boss, 16 others.

Haydock selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Musical Maiden. 2.35 Super Express. 3.10 Tapping Wood. 3.45 Larionov. 4.15 It'm For Gala. 4.45 Moninsky. 5.15 Salala.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Bold Kelly. 2.35 Super Express. 3.10 Tapping Wood. 3.45 Never So Bold. 4.45 Sounds Beautiful. 5.15 Salala.

Michael Seely's Selection: 2.35 SUPER EXPRESS (nap).

2.35 ENDURANCE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,027: 2m 28yd) (13)

1	1-3228	LIBRATE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-7	B Taylor	10
2	004-134	WATER CANNON (G Parkinson) J Hindley 9-7	M Hills	5
3	240-301	CROWN EAGLE (A Bingley) D Elsworth 9-3 (3 ex)	–	1
6	410-000	TROUVERE (B) (Shaikh Rashid Al Khalifa) B Hanbury 8-7	P Hamblett	13
7	04-002	TRADE LINE (R Barnett) H Candy 8-6	T Williams 5	2
8	0-23003	MANDOWN LAD (P Bourke) K Brassey 8-5	R Hills	3
9	120-442	STORMY GULF (Mrs N Thackray) M Tompkins 8-3	W Woods 5	11
10	30-2403	BOUNTY HAWK (Dr J Greenan) W Elsey 8-2	N Carlisle	6
11	0-4403	ASH FAIR (D Harrison) A Bailey 8-1	P Bloomfield 5	9
13	30-2034	HARLYN BAY (B)(BF) (S Norton) S Norton 7-12	J Lowe	4
14	000	STEPALONG (Ma[j] J Paine) D Gandolfo 7-10	A McGlone	12
15	000-041	SUPER EXPRESS (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 7-7 (3 ex)	M L Thomas	7
16	00-021	KNIGHT'S HEIR (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 7-7 (3 ex)	W Ryan 3	8

4 Crown Eagle, 9-2 Knight's Heir, 5 Bounty Hawk, 13-2 Trade Line, 7 Super Express, 10 Water Cannon, 12 Ash Fair, 14 others.

3.10 STONES BEST BITTER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £9,962: 1m 2f 131yd) (8)

3	011-011	BASTILLE (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 9-7	M Birch	2
4	041-11	FOREST OF DEAN (H Oppenheimer) H Candy 9-5	T Williams 5	3
5	332-002	HOYER (C) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-4	R Hills	1
9	010-000	CHELKOV (B) (W Hawn) R Armstrong 8-12	G Sexton	8
10	000-243	CARO'S LAD (E Moller) Wragg 8-12	B Crossley	7
13	00-101	TAPPING WOOD (B) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8 (5 ex)	A Kimberley	5
16	18	ESTOC (A Salman) S Norton 8-3	J Lowe	6
18	01-00	STRATHEARN (A Budge) J FitzGerald 8-2	W Ryan 3	4

11-4 Forest Of Dean, 100-30 Bastille, 4 Tapping Wood, 6 Hoyer, 8 Chelkov, 12 Estoc, 16 others.

FORM: BASTILLE (9-3) beat Buzzler (9-2) ¾l at Newcastle (1m 2f, £9411, firm, May 18, 9 ran). FOREST OF DEAN (8-13) beat Spicy Story (9-7) at Newbury (1m 4f, £3863, good, May 18, 12 ran). HOYER (8-13) ½l 2nd to Miramar Reef (9-5) at Redcar (1m 2f, £11432, good, May 28, 13 ran). CHELKOV (8-8) 13th of 16 behind Wylfa (8-0) Newmarket (1m 2f, £4888, good June 2). CAROS LAD (8-12) 2l 3rd to Chaumiere (8-12) at Chester (1m 2f, £3454, good to firm, May 8, 10 ran). TAPPING WOOD (8-12) had STRATHEARN (8-6) 5l back in 5th when Doncaster winner (1m 2f, £3501, good to soft, May 28, 12 ran).

Selection: BASTILLE

3.45 JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES (£15,463: 7f 40yd) (13)

3	010-010	LARIONOV (Mrs P Rossdale) J Winter 4-9-4	B Taylor	12
4	13124-0	MAJOR DON (CD) (Mrs A Birkett) E Weymes 4-9-4	E Hide	2
5	10101-2	NEVER SO BOLD (E Kessly) R Armstrong 4-9-4	G Sexton	10
6	104-	VERY SHARP (S Franchini) O Douieb 4-9-4	R Machado	6
7	140-404	ABLE ALBERT (C) (Mrs A Henson) M H Easterby 4-9-1	K Hodgson	11
8	2/000-0	COCK ROBIN (Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 4-9-1	A Kimberley	3
10	1111/	MENNEA (C St George) D Oughton 5-9-1	M Hills	1
11	440-00	EXECUTIVE MAN (W Allen) D Sasse 3-8-6	D McKay	5
12	100-112	SARAB (Faal Racing) P Cole 3-8-6	T Quinn	4
13	403001	MR MEEKA (Mrs S Brook) S Norton 3-8-3	J Lowe	8
14	2210-00	ROCKET ALERT (B) (T Capehart) W O Gorman 3-8-3	M L Thomas	13
15	13-2	TRY TO STOP ME (A Salman) J Dunlop 3-8-3	M Birch	9
16	2-14	FLIGHT PLAN (S Niarchos) D O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-0	B Crossley	7

7-2 Sarab, 4 Larionov, 5 Mr Meeka, 11-2 Flight Plan, 8 Cock Robin, 10 Major Don, 12 Try To Stop Me, Able Albert, 16 others.

FORM: LARIONOU: (9-4) 7th of 9 to Harlow (8-4) at Longchamp (7f, £13201, heavy, May 27). Earlier LARIONOF (9-11) put up excellent performance to beat Joyful Dancer (7-7) at Kempton (8f, £10950, good, May 7, 11 ran). NEVER SO BOLD finished well when 2nd to Ivoryphoos (8-8) at Newmarket (7f, £3397, good to soft, June 1, 17 ran). In 1983 NEVER SO BOLD (8-4) beat MAJOR DON (9-3) ½l at Ascot (7f, £9620, good to firm, Sep 24, 11 ran). COCK ROBIN (8-8) last of 9 behind Acondjah (8-8) at Sandown (1m 2f, £18675, soft, May 28) MENNEA won 4 races over 8f in 1982 season. MR MEEKA (8-12) won from Really Hones (8-10) at Doncaster (7f, £5790, good to soft, May 28, 9 ran) TRY TO STOP ME (8-10) 3l 2nd to Northern Tempest (8-10) at Ripon (9f, £1525, good to firm, May 23, 12 ran). FLIGHT PLAN (8-6) 2¾l 4th to Argosy (8-6) at Phoenix Park (8f, £17506, good, June 2, 9 ran).

Selection: LARIONOU

4.15 RIBBLE SELLING STAKES (£1,534: 1m 2f 131yd) (16)

4	0290/0	MARCH SPARK (R West) C James 8-9-4	T Rogers	5
5	0000-1	SERIOUS BUSINESS (Mrs E Simpson) R Simpson 4-9-4	S Whitworth 7	15
6	0210-04	SOME JET (Miss P Kissock-Smith) C Crossley 6-9-4	S Webster	4
8	01-0070	LADY EVER-SO-SURE (B)(C) (Eversure Textiles) J Etherington 6-9-1	J Lowe	7
12	0000-04	DERRY DON (J Langdon) N Vigors 4-9-0	T Williams 5	8
14	0304/04	GREAT LUCK (H Timm) K Stone 5-9-0	M Birch	1
15	3000/0-	MODERN MAN (P Wall) J Bradley 4-9-0	M Hills	14
16	4002-00	WATER DRAGON (Hillfields Farming) E Witts 4-9-0	D Price 7	6
17	0024/0	LADY BOUNTY (J Archer) R Hollinshead 5-8-11	W Ryan 3	13
18	0	MONCLARE LADY (E O'Reilly) P Bevan 4-8-11	N Connorton	9
19	0000-21	IT'M FOR GALA (Independent Twine) J FitzGerald 3-8-4	E Hide	11
21	00-0000	CLASSICAL VINTAGE (B) (G Lucas) J Bradley 3-8-1	M Thomas	16
22	100010	KELLY BAY (R Rogers) S Norton 3-8-1	C Rutter 7	10
23	3400-00	BRENTHURST (R Hambro) D Laing 3-8-0	B Crossley	2
31	0-00000	TENTRACO LADY (R Popely) R Howe 3-7-11	D McKay	12
32	00-00	UPLAND GOOSE (Mrs J Bissill) P Rohan 3-7-11	A Nesbitt	3

5-2 It'm For Gala, 3 Serious Business, 4 Derry Don, 6 Kelly Bay, 10 Some Jet, 12 Lady Ever-So-Sure, 14 others.

4.45 PARK HALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,665: 5f) (12)

2	00-420	BOLD REALM (A Morton) A Jarvis 9-7	T Jarvis 3	7
3	221-230	MUMMY'S CHICK (B)(D)(BF) (Miss J Sinclair) K Brassey 9-6	S Donkin 7	12
4	022	BOLLIN EMILY (BF) (Mrs N Westbrook) M H Easterby 9-2	–	2
5	03000-1	MONINSKY (W Mackenzie) N Bycroft 9-2 (7 ex)	M Richardson 7	8
6	01-4422	LADY OF LEISURE (D) (Northumbria Leisure) I Vickers 9-1	M Hindley 3	11
7	230-000	WOW WEE WOO (D) Hillfields Farming) E Witts 8-13	D Price 3	3
9	0-3310	HONOURABLE ADMIRAL (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 8-11	T Williams 3	5
10	20-0004	CROWFOOT'S COUTURE (B)(BF) (Douglas Crowfoot) B McMahon 8-9	–	9
11	00-0	DUTY PAID (B) (Mrs V McKinney) H Collingridge 8-1	E Guest	10
12	10-0000	SHOWTIME (B)(D) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 7-12	W Ryan	6
13	0000-0	SOUNDS BEAUTIFUL (M Steward) G Blum 7-11	–	4
14	4-23000	PAPIER MACHE (H Rees) J Wilson 7-7	Julie Bowker 7	1

3 Moninsky, 7-2 Bollin Emily, 4 Lady Of Leisure, 6 Honourable Admiral, 8 Mummy's Chick, 12 Crowfoot's Couture, 14 others.

5.15 BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £3,184: 6f) (11)

2	13-330	MUCH BLEST (J Lilley) G Wragg 9-7	B Crossley	7
5	44224-0	EMERALD EAGLE (A Lyons) C Booth 9-0	G Oldroyd	10
6	040-200	TUFT HILL (D) (M Wickham-Boynton) J Etherington 9-0	W Ryan 3	4
8	4300-00	BOCA RATON (C) (L Fish) J Berry 8-11	M Birch	11
10	0100-0	PETSY (CD) (Sir T Sykes) W Elsey 8-11	M L Thomas	5
11	41010-0	ITALIAN SECRET (C Ferriono) B McMahon 8-9	E Guest 5	2
12	2101-00	PARK SPRINGS (D) (S Pickard) J Berry 8-9	E Hide	8
13	0001-	TURKISH DELIGHT (D) (F Sahadi) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn 3	1
15	3220-0	MAKING HAY (Mrs M Haggas) K Brassey 8-2	M Hills	3
19	4-323	SALALA (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 7-8	N Carlisle	6
20	00-3300	BLUEGANBY (B) (Mrs J Hobson) R Hobson 7-7	–	9

100-30 Making Hay, 4 Salala, 5 Boca Raton, 6 Turkish Delight, 8 Italian Secret, 10 Petsy, 12 Tuft Hill, 16 others.

WARWICK

GOING: good to firm
Draw: Low numbers best

5.40 HAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £544: 6f) (14 runners)

5	3	CHIAFFA D Gandolfo 8-11	A McGlone	12
7	0	FOUNTAIN COFFEE R Champion 8-11	J Johnson	14
8	04	GHIZLAN C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse	9
13	3	INITIAL PREMISE M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	13
14		JACET L Holt 8-11	J Matthias	1
16	0	LADY GENEVA D Weeden 8-11	–	3
20	0	OUR CHICKLETTE B Morgan 8-11	G Duffield	4
23	04	REDCROSS MISS W Wharton 8-11	–	2
27	000	ROMAN MAID J Bosley 8-11	P Bloomfield 5	11
30	00	SANANN N Gaselee 8-11	M Hills	10
32	000	SEA FARER LAKE M Usher 8-11	–	7
33		SHAF G Huffer 8-11	–	8
38		SUDDEN LIGHT J Berry 8-11	–	6
40		VELVET PIGEON W Hern 8-11	W Carson	5

11-8 Initial Premise, 11-4 Velvet Pigeon, 6 Redcross Miss, 9 Shaf, 10 Sudden Light, 12 Ghizlan, 16 others.

Warwick selections

By Mandarin
5.40 Velvet Pigeon. 6.5 Woodcarver. 6.30 Oryx Minor. 7.0 Mister Petard. 7.0 Canio. 8.0 Little Portion. 8.30 Below The Line. 9.0 In The Breeze.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
5.40 Initial Premise. 6.5 Last Card. 7.30 Dark Proposal. 8.0 Little Portion. 8.40 Bossy Boots. 9.0 In The Breeze.

6.05 PACKWOOD MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £588: 1m) (15)

6	0	MISK J Clachanowski 9-0	G Baxter	2
8	0	SHARNBROOK M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	12
10	00	STRIE R J Baker 9-0	B Taylor	7
12	00	SULTAN ZAMAN G Huffer 9-0	M Miller	14
15	0-0	WOODCARVER H Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	4
18	000-	CANONESS K Cunningham-Brown 8-11	D McKay	5
23	00-	DRAMA SCHOOL W Hern 8-11	W Carson	6
24	0-	EASTER HOLLOW B Stevens 8-11	P Bloomfield 5	1
28	0-	FURZY LEAZE P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe	3
29	0	GIFT OF HINDSIGHT P Cundell 8-11	J Matthias	10
31	33	KADESH W H-Bass 8-11	R Lines 5	13
32	0	LAST CARD M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	15
36	0-	OWENS FLAIR S Matthews 8-11	D McFeeters 7	8
43	00-	SINGING SABRE G P-Gordon 8-11	B Rouse	8
45	0-0	TREBERTH D Laing 8-11	P Cook	11

5-2 Drama School, 7-2 Woodcarver, 4 Last Card, 13-2 Kadesh, 8 Furzy Leaze, 10 Gift Of Hindsight, 15 others.

6.30 RADWAY HANDICAP (£1,416: 1m 2f 170yd) (15)

7	0002	BERTHA R J Baker 4-8-7	B Taylor	10
8	0000	NASHAAB C Benstead 4-9-5	B Rouse	7
9	2-803	ORYX MINOR S Mellor 4-9-5	M Wigham	12
11	1-040	RECORD WING D H Jones 5-9-2	–	5
13	01-00	PRINCE OF KASHMIR P M Taylor 5-8-13	T Rogers	3
15	4243	KAUKAS G Balding 5-8-12	–	13
16	6-200	RANT AND RAVE (B) J Jenkins 4-8-11	P Cook	8
18	0-000	KARNATAK J Spearing 3-8-9	W Carson	11
21	400-0	WORLINGWORTH WALTZ M Pipe 5-8-6	P Bloomfield 5	2
22	40-00	DESTROY (B) J Fox 5-8-6	R Lines 5	4
23	0000/	VERNHAM STREET H Candy 8-8-6	J McLean 7	9
25	0-000	SHIHAB M Blanshard 3-8-4	R Cochrane	14
27	00/0-0	BULANDSHAR D Jermy 5-8-2	G Dickie 7	15
28	000-0	MISS MAUD K Brassey 3-8-2	R Hills	6
34	0-000	SHINER'S PAL Mrs B Waring 3-7-10	J Williams	1

11-4 Kaukas, 7-2 Bertha, 5 Oryx Minor, 13-2 Worlingworth Waltz, 8 Record Wing, Rant And Rave, 12 Vernham Street, 14 others.

7.00 ASHORNE SELLING STAKE (2-y-o: £732: 6f) (9)

1	0003	BOOTLE JACK L Holt 8-11	J Matthias	4
3	000	MISTER PETARD (B) N Tinkler 8-11	P Robinson	9
5	00	SHOP TALK (B) D H Jones 8-11	–	8
7	00	BENNY'S EYES J L Harris 8-8	S Keightley	3
10	000	CROFTER'S HABIT K Stone 8-8	–	1
12	0	GLAZEPTA TOWN C Miller 8-8	G Duffield	2
15	800	MEESON SECRET J Berry 8-8	K Darley	6
17	4000	TCOTA (B) B Stevens 8-8	P Bloomfield 5	7
18	844	TOO STREAKY D Laing 8-8	J Reid	5

11-4 Bootle Jack, 7-2 Mister Petard, 4 Shop Talk, 5 Meeson Secret, 6 Too Streaky, 7 Crofter's Habit, 14 others.

7.30 SYD MERCER MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,308: 2m 2f 180yd) (11)

1	1248	FAROOR F Durr 4-9-11	W Carson	1
2	1208	FORTUNE'S GUEST (B) R Simpson 4-8-11	S Whitworth 7	11
3	10	KINGSWICK (CD) M Naughton 4-8-8	P Cook	7
4	8122	RIKKI TAVI (C) B Hills 4-8-3	R Hills 2	6
6	3018	DARK PROPOSAL (BF) B Hanbury 6-8-2	P Hamblett	6
7	2-101	CANIO R Hodges 7-8-0	A McGlone	5
9	30-02	COMMONTY C A Bell 5-7-7	J Lowe	10
10	3400-	ATAMAN M Pipe 4-7-7	R Fox	3
11	01-00	BASTA R Hollinshead 5-7-7	–	8
13	044-0	CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE N Gaselee 7-7-7	T Williams 5	4
14	0000/	SKYLINE DRIVE K Cunningham-Brown 10-7-7	–	9

7-2 Fortune's Guest, 4 Rikki Tavi, 9-2 Commonty, 5 Canio, 6 Dark Proposal, 8 Kingswick, 10 Faroor, 12 Basta, 16 others.

8.00 HAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £538: 6f) (14)

1	0	ALI'S COMET J Berry 8-11	K Darley	10
10		HIGHDALE B Stevens 8-11	P Bloomfield 5	1
15	9	JARSULA W Wharton 8-11	S Keightley	14
17	6	LITTLE PORTION M Ryan 8-11	P Robinson	6
18	00	NAYANA D Ancil 8-11	Paul Eddery	11
19		NESTING TIME P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe	2
21	00	POCELLA S Mellor 8-11	M Wigham	4
22	0	QUALITAIR LADY K Stone 8-11	–	3
25	6	ROGERS PRINCESS M Tate 8-11	R Street	8
26		ROMANA F Durr 8-11	P Madden	9
31	40	SCOTCH ROCKET D Leslie 8-11	M Rimmer	12
35		STOCK HILL LASS M Blanshard 8-11	R Cochrane	5
37		SUGAR OWL Mrs W Sykes 8-11	R Fox	13
39	03	THERESA G Blum 8-11	–	7

3 Theresa, 7-2 Nesting Time, 4 Little Portion, 7 Romana, 8 Qualitair Lady, 10 Scotch Rocket, 12 Pocella, Ali's Comet, 16 others.

8.30 KINGMAKER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,621: 7f) (17)

5	1002	CALIPH R Simpson 9-7	J Reid	14
6	0-003	BELOW THE LINE (B) K Brassey 9-7	P Cook	11
7	01-00	BEE'S DANCE F Durr 9-5	A Weiss 5	3
10	0-010	BOSSY BOOTS (CD)(BF) M Jarvis 9-1	B Raymond	4
11	2000	CATMAN (B) M Francis 9-1	Paul Eddery	13
12	0-000	RUNNING BULL (D)(B) B Hanbury 9-0	P Hamblett	15
14	0000	SURBRIDGE DANCER (C)(B) P Felgate 8-12	M Miller	10
15	200-	NOBODYS PERFECT L Holt 8-11	G Baxter	6
17	040-0	FEYDAN J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	7
18	140-0	WIZZARD ART (D) M Haynes 8-10	–	8
19	0320	BRAGADO R Armstrong 8-9	P Robinson	9
21	00-00	MAGIC W Wharton 8-9	–	16
22	0-221	WIND FROM THE WEST (CD) N Vigors 8-8	B Rouse	1
25	024-0	ISTISAMM (B) G Hunter 8-7	R Hills	2
27	0300	ARBITRAGE J Spearing 8-4	W Ryan 3	5
28	0-004	VIRGIN ISLE P Haslam 8-4	T Williams 5	12
29	40-00	POUR MOI (B) D Laing 8-0	D McKay	17

4 Wind From The West, 5 Feydan, 6 Caliph, Below The Line, 7 Bossy Boots, Bragado, 10 Bee's Dance, 12 Catman, 14 Virgin Isle, 16 others.

9.00 PACKWOOD MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £583: 1m) (15)

1	0-0	AUTOLYCUS J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	7
5	3-	IN THE BREEZE O Douieb 9-0	R Machado 5	9
7	0-	PRIORY COURT R Houghton 9-0	J Reid	13
13		THE RUSK W J Pearce 9-0	S Keightley	4
16		ABSENT LOVER P Mitchell 8-11	A McGlone	3
20	0-	CHEZZY GIRL S Mellor 8-11	M Wigham	11
25		EASY MOVER M Scudamore 8-11	J Williams	12
27	00-	FULAASA PRINCE G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Duffield	1
30	00	JACKIE'S LASS R Hoad 8-11	–	10
34		MISS SAGARO C Brittain 8-11	P Bradwell	4
35	6	NUMIDIA M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	15
40		PUBBY J Toller 8-11	–	8
41	04	QUALITAIR PRINCESS K Stone 8-11	–	2
42		SHARED EXPERIENCE G Balding 8-11	–	5
44		TAZTOUZA E Witts 8-11	–	6

7-4 In The Breeze, 5-2 Numidia, 4 Autolycus, 6 Fulaasa Prince, 8 Miss Sagaro, 10 Priory Court, 14 others.

Epsom Results

Going: Good

2.35 ONTARIO BI-CENTENNIAL MAIDEN STAKES (2YO: £2,334: 5f)
PRINCE SABO b c by Young Generation – Jubilee Song (Mrs R Daniels) 9-0 J Reid (11-8 fav) 1
Hakusan b c by Reform-Cala Vadella (Mrs G Steinberg) 9-0 B Rouse (7-2) 2
First Experience b f by Le Johnstan-The Dupecat (K Rios) 8-11 K Darley (5-1) 3
Also Ran: 9-2 Godsend (4th), 25 Break The tape (5th), 33 Bronze Effigy (6th). 6 ran. 8l, 2l, 4l, 1l, 2½l, B Swift at Epsom.
TOTE: Win: £2.10. Places: £1.30, £2.10. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.81 57.59sec.

3.05 SUN LIFE OF CANADA HANDICAP (3YO: £3,960: 1m 2f)
DEALAWAY b c by Mr Leader – Away (Esal Commodities) 9-7 P Waldron (4-1) 1
Caro's Gift gr c by Caro-Christmas Belle (R S mith) 8-5 W Ryan (7-2 fav) 2
Adiyamaan ch c by Nishapour-Adayra (H H Aga Khan) 9-3 S Cauthen (4-1) 3
Also Ran: 6 Falmouth Harbour, Taraius (4th), 9 Lord Butch (5th), 12 Radgrave Artist (6th). 7 Ran. 7l, 1½l, 3l, 6l, 2l, G Lewis, Epsom. TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £1.90, £2.70. DF: £6.20. CSF: £15.31. Time: 2m 08.59sec.

3.40 NORTHERN DANCER HANDICAP (£10,965: 1m 4f)
PRINCE OF PEACE b c by Busted – Mai (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-9-8 L Piggott (9-1 fav) 1
Fitzpatrick b h by Oats - Shannon Princess (A Oldrey) 5-8-2 N Howe (16-1) 2
Sikorsky b c by Honest Pleasure - Regal Exception (R Sangster) 4-7-10 W Shoemaker (4-1) 3
Also Ran: 4 Sarhead (5th), 5 Voracity (4th). 7 The Liquidator (6th). 12 Aberfield, 33 Paris North. 8 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, ¾l. H Cecil Newmarket. TOTE: Win: £3.20. Places: £1.30, £4.00, £1.20. DF: £74.70. CSF: £39.14. 2m 39.26sec.

4.10 POLYCELL-WILLIE CARSON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,408: 1m 110yd)
BOND DEALER ro g by Habat – Sounion (Mrs E Creal) 7-9-0 P Sargent (100-30 fav) 1
Blowing Bubbles b f by Native Admiral – Out of Depth (Mrs J Jackson) 4-8-0 N Clark (12-1) 2
Sky Jump ch g by Double Jump – Damaskus Sky (B Swift) 10-7-8 G Kennedy (12-1) 3
Also Ran: 7-2 Just Autumn (5th), 4 Concert Pitch (U/R), 11-2 Chads Gamble (4th), 7 Valgly Bel (6th). 7 ran. NR: Tender Seeker. 3l, sh/hd, ¾l, 2l, 8l. B Swift at Epsom.
TOTE: Win: £3.00. Places: £2.00, £4.50 DF: £17.50. CSF: £33.22. 1m 49.12sec.

4.45 Maple Leaf Maiden Auction Stakes (2-y-o: £2,591: 6f)
SANDY REEF ch c by Main Reel – Nicfolk (A Shuttleworth) 8-9 K Darley (7-1) 1
Single ro g by Jellaby – Miss Solo (A Lumley) 8-9 P Cook (6-1) 2
Holland Park Bay ch c by On Your Mark – Roman Sterling (Mrs B Birchell) 8-9 B Rouse (4-1 fav) 3
Also Ran: 5 What a Record (4th), 11-2 Thirty Acre, 6 Lady Wide, 10 Jazz Train, 14 Electropet, 16 High Bidder (5th). Secret Valentine, 33 Miss Magnetism (6th). 11 ran: 2½l, hd, 1½l, ¾l, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham.
TOTE: Win: £3.80. Places: £1.10, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £15.80. CSF: £46.91. 1m 12.04sec.

5.20 ALBERTA ROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £2,796: 1m 100yds)
NASHWAH ch F by banquet Table – Gun Hour (Prince Faisal) 8-11 N Howe (10-1) 1
Guess Again b f by Stradavinsky – Gallia (Baroness H Thyssen) 8-11 Pat Eddery (9-2) 2
Puget Sound br f by High Top – Klaves (M Berger) 8-11 W Carson (4-1) (jt-fav) 3
Also Ran: 4-1 jt-fav Do Your Best (4th), 13-2 Swiftsend (6th), 14-1 Arista (5th), 16-1 Gazelle d'Or, & Kentucky Dancer, 20-1 Molars & Southern Dynasty, 50-1 Arbor Lane, Just Irene & Out To Lunch. NR: Christmas Ornament. 14 ran. 2l, ¾l, 2½l, 8l, nk. P Walwyn at Lambourn. TOTE: Win: £12.30. Places: £2.40, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £11.30. CSF: £49.96. 1m 47.29sec.

Catterick Bridge

Going: Good
2.30 (5f) 1 Diamant Blanche (J Johnson, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Keep Sall (25-1); 3, Bit of Fun (20-1). Imperial Time (11-4 jt-fav). ¾l, sh-hd. 12 ran. P Walwyn. TOTE: £3.60; £2.50, £2.82, £3.10. DF: £385.90. CSF £58.70.
3.0 (6f) 1, Incestuous (T Ives. 2-1 fav); 2, Dark Mystique (5-1); 3, Cadees (11-1). 3l, ½l. 13 ran. B McMahon. TOTE: £3.60; £2.10, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £8.00. CSF £14.73. TRICAST: £94.05 No bid.
3.30 (1m 5f) 1 Arguing (B Thomson 8-1); 2, Sovereign Honey (7-2); 3, Pousdale-Tachyteas (5-1). Whiskey Eyes (5-2 fav). sh-hd, ¾l. 11 ran. J Watts. TOTE: £10.20; £2.30, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £28.90. CSF £35.28. TRICAST: £144.83.
4.0 (7f) 1, Cascabel (R Curant, 10-1); 2, Manadina (7-1); 3, Vernair (9-2). Linos (4-1 fav) sh hd, 1l. 17 ran. M Tompkins. TOTE: £9.40; £2.10, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £16.80. CSF: £76.93.
4.30 (5f) 1, Top That (S Webster 11-4 fav); 2, Meeson King (8-1); 3, Mendick Adventure (9-1). 4l, 1l. 11 ran. T Barron. TOTE: £4.20; £1.70, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £8.50. CSF: £11.27. TRICAST: £55.40.
5.0 (1m 4f) 1, Rummann (W R Swinburn, 8-11 fav); 2, Bassett Boy (33-1); 3, Village Postman (10-1). hd, 8l. 8 ran. M Stoute. TOTE: £1.80; £1.00, £7.40, £1.70. DF: £39.50. CSF: £22.42. PLACEPOT: £27.00.

Thursday's results

The following results were received too late for publication in yesterday's paper:

EPSOM

5.20 NIGHTINGALL MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,588: 1m 2f)
BYE BYE BIRDIE, ch c by Anne's Pretender – Love For Love (G Kaye) 9-0 C Asmussen (5-6 Fav) 1.
Bless, b c by Be My Guest – Limuru (Elisha Holding) 9-0 L Piggott (11-8) 2.
Dreamcoat, gr or ro c by Jig Time – Restless Polly (T Waterman) 9-0 S Cauthen (33-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 20 Heartland (5th), Juliette Mariner, Yankee Bond (4th), 33 Just Blake (6th), 66 Hilly Fields. 8 ran. ½l, 10l, 1½l, neck, 4l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. TOTE WIN: £2.00. PLACES: £1.20, £1.10, £3.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.86. 2m 13.42secs. TOTE DOUBLE: £48.10. TREBLE: £18.60. PLACEPOT: £26.75.

CARLISLE

5.30 (1m 4f) 1, Shangoseer (T Ives, 4-5 fav), 2, Bronski (4-1); 3, Keel (15-2). 4l, 4l. 5 ran. R J Williams. Tote £2.50; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.65. PLACEPOT: £6.65.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good
Draw low numbers best.

2.15 GAINFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: C & G: £822: 5f) (7 runners)

2		GREY STARLIGHT H Wharton 9-0	S Keightley	3
3	323	HALCYON COVE A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield 5	2
5	02	KING OF CALIFORNIA N Callaghan 9-0	T Ives	7
7	222	NAVARRO SECONDO J Berry 9-0	S Perks	6
8	0242	NORTHERN TREAT P Brookshaw 9-0	M Miller	5
9	34	PIANO MAN K Brassey 9-0	R Curant	1
10		RECORD HAULIER H Blackshaw 9-0	–	4

5-4 Piano Man, 7-2 Northern Treat, 5 Navarro Secondo, 8 King Of California, 10 Halcyon Cove, 14 Grey Starlight, 20 Record Haulier.

Catterick selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Halcyon Cove. 2.45 His House. 3.20 Blue Breeze. 3.50 The Upstart. 4.20 Ballinacarn. 4.50 Over The Shoulder.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Halcyon Cove. 3.20 Oranella. 3.50 Provideo. 4.20 Ballinacarn. 4.50 Over Your Shoulder.

2.45 ALDBROUGH SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £1,217: 7f) (15)

2	0000	GASTRONOMIC (B) D Morley 9-0	–	9
3	0-000	HERE I AM D A Wilson 9-0	C Dwyer	7
4	0-004	HIS HOUSE (B) Hbt Jones 9-0	–	6
5	0	KAREN'S BROTHER D Chapman 9-0	D Nicholls	1
7	00-00	QUARRYMAN W C Watts 9-0	M Wood	4
9	0-000	STEVULA (C) A Smith 9-0	–	10
12	100-	WAGGISH J Leigh 9-0	S Perks	12
14	00	CRIMSON RING F Carr 8-11	NON RUNNER	
15	0000	DANCING ORANGE A Balding 8-11	J Balding	13
19	0040	INDIAN DAWN S Norton 8-11	C Oliver 5	3
21	0-000	JUST A THOUGHT M H Easterby 8-11	L Charnock	2
22	00-0	LIGHTS OF SLANE (B) W Wharton 8-11	W Wharton	8
23	0-000	OAK POOL N Tinkler 8-11	–	15
25	0400	RETURN-TO-JALNA E Alston 8-11	A McKay	14
26		WILMA RUDOLPH P Kearney 8-11	T Sullivan	11

3 Oak Pool, 4 His House, 9-2 Indian Dawn, 6 Karen's Brother, 8 Just A Thought, 10 Lights Of Slane, 12 Quarryman, 14 others.

3.20 MIDDLEBROOK MUSHROOMS HANDICAP (£2,557: 1m 7f 180yd) (11)

1	1400	VAL CLIMBER (CD) R Stubbs 5-9-10	–	9
2	2-400	JAMESTINO M H Easterby 6-9-10	G Craggs 7	2
3	30-01	ORNAELLA M Tompkins 4-9-9 (7 ex)	P John 7	7
5	0003	TINOCO R Hollinshead 4-8-8	S Perks	11
6	0001	BLUE BREEZE (B) S Norton 4-8-4 (3 ex)	C Oliver 5	6
7	00-03	FIORENZO M Camacho 4-5-3	T Ives	3
9	0003	APPLE WINE D Chapman 7-8-13	D Nicholls	5
10	2300	WILDRUSH W C Watts 5-8-12	M Wood	1
11	13-40	LUXURY (CD) E Carr 5-8-12	L Charnock	8
12	0003-	MAWAL (B) W Guest 7-8-3	A Bond	10
13	4331	HYDRANGEA D Chapman 5-7-13	S P Griffiths 7	4

9-4 Oranella, 7-2 Blue Breeze, 6 Jamestino, Fiorenzo, 8 Apple Wine, 10 Hydrangea, 12 Val Climber, 14 others.

3.50 HORNBY STAKES (2-y-o: £1,365: 6f) (8)

1	1121	PROVIDEO (B)(C) W O'Gorman 9-7	T Ives	7
2	3300	GARDA'S GLORY D Plant 9-4	B Coogan	3
3	231	THE UPSTART K Brassey 9-4	R Curant	3
5	11	ERNIE BILKO C Tinkler 8-11	L Charnock	1
6	3432	KEPAGI W Wharton 8-11	–	4
13	00	SMILE-A-MILE D Yeoman 8-11	–	5
14	000	GO GIPSY N Chamberlain 8-8	S Keightley	2
16	331	TICKLED TROUT J Berry 8-8	S Perks	6

Evens Provideo, 3 The Upstart, 5 Ernie Bilko, 8 Tickled Trout, 10 Kepagi, 12 others.

4.20 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP (£2,439: 7f) (20)

2	40-00	LEASE OF LIFE C Thornton 4-9-7	M Tebbutt 7	7
3	0-400	GALETZKY J Spearing 4-9-7	W Hayes 7	18
4	0-142	BALLINACARN (CD) J Toller 5-9-5	B Thomson	9
5	3204	SPOILT FOR CHOICE (CD) D Chapman 6-9-3	D Nicholls	2
7	0300-	DON'T ANNOY ME R Whitaker 4-9-1	S Perks	6
8	00-00	IBOLYAN SOUND S Norton 5-9-1	C Ollivier 5	20
9	00-00	CRYMLYN Denys Smith 4-9-1	M Fry	5
10	00/0-4	BAHRAIN PEARLS (B) W Guest 4-8-13	A Bond	1
13	0000-	BIONDONI G Calvert 4-8-11	–	15
14	0330	MRS BUZBY (CD) Miss S Hall 5-8-11	T Ives	10
15	0000	VEE BEE D Leslie 5-8-10	–	17
16	0040	ADJUSTED R Hollinshead 5-8-10	A Whitehall 7	13
18	00-03	PRIMULA BOY W Bentley 9-8-9	–	12
19	0301	DANCING VALERINA (B) T Barron 4-8-9	–	16
20	0000	SITICA E Alston 7-8-8	L Charnock	14
21	400-0	ROYAL EXPORT W C Watts 4-8-7	M Wood	8
22	0-000	BIG LAND (B) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-6	A Mackay	11
23	2-231	HONEST TOKEN (D) C Thornton 5-8-6	J Bleasdale	19
25	00-0b	CARDIGAN L Lightbrown 4-8-3	M Fozzard 7	3
26	0304	ARCHIMBOLDO W A Stephenson 6-8-2	–	4

100-30 Ballinacarn, 4 Honest Token, 5 Bahrain Pearls, 6 Dancing Valerina, 6 Archimboldo, 7 Adjusted, 8 Cardigan, 12 Spoilt For Choice, 14 others.

4.50 SWALEDALE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £901: 1m 4f 40yd) (12)

4	0-0	DASH P Felden 8-11	P Young	5
8	00-04	HALF ASLEEP W Elsey 8-11	C Dwyer	2
9	0-	HERE COMES SPRING J Fitzgerald 8-11	B Coogan	7
11	040-0	JENNY WYLLIE W Wharton 8-11	M Fry	6
13		MOSSBERRY FAIR J Etherington 8-11	M Wood	3
15	02	OVER YOUR SHOULDER (BF) J Hindley 8-11	B Thomson	4
16	0-0	PACIFICUS P Walwyn 8-11	R Curant	9
17	0	PATH'S SISTER C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	12
19	30-24	QUISISSANNO B Hills 8-11	S Perks	10
20	000-0	REKINDLE M Lambert 8-11	D Oldham	11
23	000!	SHERVANI S Norton 8-11	C Olivier 5	8
24	0	SMASHING DAME M Stoute 8-11	K Bradshaw 5	1

5-2 Over Your Shoulder, 3 Quisissanno, 7-2 Smashing Dame, 5 Pacificus, 8 Half Asleep, 12 Dash, 14 others.

Course specialists

EPSOM
TRAINERS: G Lewis 15 winners from 50 runners, 30%; B Hills 16 from 79, 20.3%; J Dunlop 17 from 66, 25.8%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott 37 winners from 149 mounts, 24.8%; W Carson 16 from 157, 10.1%; S Cauthen 25 from 130, 20.0%.

CATTERICK
TRAINERS: W O'Gorman 11 winners from 27 runners, 40.7%; M Stoute 10 from 28, 35.7%. J Hindley 12 from 42, 28.6%.
JOCKEYS: J Bleasdale 8 winners from 114 mounts, 7.0%; S Perks 11 from 91, 12.1%.

HAYDOCK
TRAINERS: J Dunlop 13 winners from 71 runners, 18.3%; M Stoute 13 from 63, 20.6%. M H Easterby 13 from 154, 8.4%.
JOCKEYS: E Hide 14 winners from 150 mounts, 9.3%; Birch 23 from 179, 6.9%.

WARWICK
TRAINERS: M Cecil 9 winners from 19 runners, 47.4%; M Stoute 10 from 31, 32.2%; P Walwyn 11 from 61, 18.0%.
JOCKEYS: W Carson 15 winners from 114 mounts, 13.2%; J Reid 22 from 175, 12.6%. P Cook 19 from 109, 17.4%.

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Law Report June 9 1984

Offender must be told why his sentence is deferred

Regina v George

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mustill and Mr Justice Otton

[Reasons delivered May 24]

Deferment of sentence should not be adopted without careful consideration of whether the sentencer's intentions could not best be achieved by other means, and if deferment was decided upon, care must be taken to avoid the risk of misunderstanding and a sense of injustice when the defendant returned before the court.

The Court of Appeal gave guidance on how the power of deferment should be handled when giving reasons for allowing the appeal of Lenny Chester George against a sentence of three months' detention imposed on April 18, 1984 after a period of deferment for six months following his plea of guilty on October 25, 1983 at the Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Murton) to an assault occasioning actual bodily harm. An order of conditional discharge for 12 months was substituted.

The Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, as amended by section 63 (a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, provides by section 1: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the crown court or a magistrates' court may defer passing sentence on an offender for the purpose of enabling the court or any other court to which it falls to deal with him to have regard in dealing with him to his conduct after conviction (including, where appropriate, the making by him of reparation for his offence) or to any change in his circumstances....

"(3) The power conferred by this section shall be exercisable only if the offender consents and the court is satisfied having regard to the nature of the offence and the character and circumstances of the offender, that it would be in the interests of justice to exercise the power."

Mr P. J. W. Spink, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reserved reasons of the court, said that had an immediate sentence of three months' detention been imposed on October 25, 1983, there could have been no possible legitimate complaint. There was insufficient material to enable their Lordships to know what the judge had in mind on deferment, but if the principal object was to enable a social inquiry report to be prepared, then that should have been achieved by way of adjournment rather than by deferment: see *R v Gilby* ([1975] 1 WLR 924).

The power was not to be used as an easy way out for a court which was unable to make up its mind about the correct sentence. Experience had shown that great care should be exercised by the court when using that power.

The consent of the defendant must of course be obtained to the making of the order. The court should make it clear to the defendant what the particular purposes were which the court had in mind under section 1 (1) of the 1973 Act and what conduct was expected of him during deferment.

The failure to do so, or more often the failure on the part of the defendant or his representatives to appreciate what those purposes were or that conduct was, had been a fruitful source of appeals.

It was essential that the deferring court should make a careful note of the purposes for which the sentence was being deferred and what steps, if any, it expected the defendant to take during the period of deferment. Ideally the defendant himself should be given notice in writing of what he was expected to do or refrain from doing, so that there could be no doubt in his mind what was expected of him.

Thus, the task of the court which came to deal with the offender at the expiration of the period of deferment was as follows:

First, the purpose of the deferment and any requirement imposed by the deferring court must be ascertained. Second, the court must determine if the defendant had substantially conformed or attempted to conform with the proper expectations of the deferring court, whether with regard to finding a job or as the case might be. If he had, then the defendant might legitimately expect that an immediate custodial sentence would not be imposed. If he had not, then the court should be careful to state with precision in what respect he had failed.

If the court did not set out its reasons in that way there was a danger, particularly where the sentencing court was differently constituted from the deferring court, that it might appear that the former was disregarding the deferment and was saying, in effect, that the sentence should never have been deferred and that the defendant should have been sentenced to immediate imprisonment by the latter: see *R v Glossop* ((1981) 3 Cr App R (S) 347).

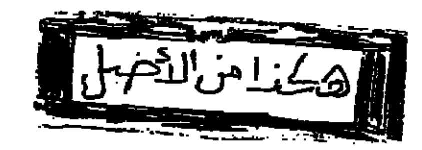
In many cases a short probation order might be preferable to a deferment of sentence. Such an order enabled the defendant's behaviour to be monitored by the probation officer; it ensured that formal notice of the requirements of the court were given to the defendant.

On the other hand, a deferment of sentence would be more appropriate where the conduct required of the defendant was not sufficiently specific to be made the subject of a condition imposed as part of a probation order, without creating uncertainty in the mind of the probation officer and the defendant as to whether there had been a breach of the order, for example, where the defendant was to make a real effort to find work, or where the sentencer wished to see whether a change in the defendant's attitude and circumstances, which appeared to be a possibility at the time of deferment, did in fact come about.

Again, deferment might be the appropriate course where the steps to be taken by the defendant could not of their nature be the subject of a condition, for example, where he was to make reparation or at least demonstrate a real intention and capacity to do so.

In the present instance, the necessary precautions were not taken. The expectations of the sentencer were not spelt out at the time of deferment, and in particular the appellant was never explicitly warned that full compliance with the requirements of the probation service would be essential if he was to avoid a custodial sentence.

Against the background of facts which indicated a real possibility that the appellant was changing his attitude for the better, the imposition of a custodial sentence might well have created a justifiable sense of grievance.



Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Summaries: Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.20 Open University Until 8.25.
8.45 The Saturday Picture Show. Cartoons, serials and pop music presented by Mark Curry. The guests are Little and Large and singer Nik Kershaw while Maggie Philbin finds herself mixed up with Richard III week in Scarborough.
10.55 Film: Mighty Joe Young* (1949) starring Terry Moore and Robert Armstrong. The tale of a pet gorilla that runs amok in New York. Directed by Ernest B Schoedsack. 12.27 Weather.
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 12.30 and 4.15 Golf: the St Mellion Timeshare Tournament Players Championship; 1.25 News summary; 1.30 and 2.10 Tennis: The Ladies' Singles Final of the French Open Championships; 1.55, 3.05 and 3.40 Racing: from Haydock; 3.20 and 3.55 Rugby Union: Highlights of the second international between South Africa and England at Ellis Park, Johannesburg; 4.45 Rowing: The Diners Club International Sporting Seven.
5.05 Automan. Another case for the unusual Los Angeles lawman who began life in a computer game. This evening he is on the trail of a crook who cheats near-bankrupt businessmen and then throws them out of his aeroplane without a parachute. Starring Chuck Wagner in the title role and Scott Marlowe as the homicidal crook (Ceefax titles page 170).
5.55 News with Jan Leeming 6.05 Sport and regional news.
6.10 Pop Quiz presented by Mike Read. Roger Taylor of Queen captains Hazel O'Connor and Marilyn; John Taylor of Duran Duran leads Biff and Stuart Adamson. The programme includes archive film and videos featuring The Tourists, Alex Harvey and David Bowie.
6.40 Film: Red Alert (1977) starring William Devane and Michael Brandon. Drama about a nuclear reactor cooling system that goes wrong, trapping 14 technicians in a danger area. Was it the fault of a computer or is there a chance of a nuclear disaster? Directed by William Hale.
8.15 The Val Doonican Show with guests Barbara Dickson, Alvin Stardust and the Don Lusher Trombone Ensemble.
9.00 Cagney and Lacey. The last programme of the series about the two New York policewomen and they investigate the case of an unscrupulous landlord. But Chris Cagney's mind is centred on whether or not she is expecting a baby. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly.
9.50 News and Sport, with Jan Leeming.
10.05 Film: Hickey and Boggs (1972) starring Bill Cosby and Robert Culp as two down-at-heel private detectives, hired to find a missing girl. They come to the attention of the police when, it seems, every lead ends with a murder. Robert Culp makes his debut as a director.
11.55 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly and Toni Arthur begins with Saturday Call in which psychologist Tom Crabtree discusses adolescent problems; news from Jayne Irving at 7.00 and 8.40. The special guests are Roy Walker and Anna Raeburn.
8.40 SPLAT. A new series for young people presented by James Baker.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 No 73. A pot-pourri of fun and games, cartoons, pop music and competitions.
12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20 Basketball: The NBA Finals between Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers; 12.45 News followed by the Australian pools news; 12.50 Table Tennis from Hongkong. Coverage of the Norwich Union Masters; 1.15 Rallying: The Rothman's Acropolis Rally; 1.35, 2.10 and 2.40 Horse Racing: the 1.45, 2.15 and 3.00 (Gold Seal Oaks) races from Epsom; 1.55 and 2.25 Rugby League. Highlights of the first Test between Australia and Great Britain in Sydney; 3.10 and 4.10 International Schoolboy Soccer. Live coverage of the under-15 match between England and The Netherlands at Wembley; 4.00 News round-up 4.50 Results.
5.00 News.
5.05 Whiz Kids. The electronics prodigy, Richie, is in a race against time to save a 'talking porpoise'.
6.00 The Pyramid Game. Competition designed to test contestants' powers of description.
6.30 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. Comic sketches featuring five funny men.
7.00 The Comedians. Non-stop jokes from a succession of stand-up comics.
7.30 Just Amazing! Includes a challenge for a top BMX biker.
8.15 The Price is Right. Another edition of the guess-the-cost quiz.
9.15 News.
9.30 Aspel and Company. The first of a new series of chat shows hosted by Michael Aspel. His guests are Paul McCartney, Tracey Ullman and Richard Clayderman.
10.15 Play: The Wedding, adapted by Thomas Ellice from the story by V. S. Pritchett. The story of a widower who fears the time when his daughters will leave him alone to look after the farm and himself. Starring Tom Bell.
11.15 Tales of the Unexpected: Number Eight. A murderer is on the loose and a man gives a hitch-hiker a lift in his car . . .
11.45 London news headlines followed by Film: Fat City (1972) starring Stacy Keach. The story of an over-the-top boxer whose interest in the game is spurred by a young hopeful. Directed by John Huston.
1.30 Night Thoughts.

Elsie Sinclair and Tom Bell in the Tyne Tees Television version of V. S. Pritchett's The Wedding (ITV, 10.15pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University. Until 3.10.
3.20 Film: A Lion is in the Streets (1953) starring James Cagney and Barbara Hale. Cagney plays Hank Martin, a good-hearted entrepreneur who rises through the ranks of local politics dedicated to eliminating graft and corruption only to be corrupted himself by those he wished to be rid of. Directed by Raoul Walsh.
4.45 International Golf. Coverage of the St Mellion Timeshare Tournament Players Championship third round.
6.55 The Victorian Steam Locomotive. An Open University production presented by Colin Russell, professor of the History of Science at the Open University. The programme follows the development of the steam locomotive from its origins to its mid-Victorian heyday. Among the several famous engines to be seen are the Lion, the oldest working locomotive in Britain, and a replica of Stephenson's Rocket.
7.20 News and Sport.
7.35 Prima! The first of a new eight-part series designed to assist British tourists in German conversation. The series begins with Steve Barton arriving in Germany, looking for a job but not knowing the language.
7.45 A Song of Summer. Ken Russell's highly acclaimed Omnibus tribute to the blind composer Frederick Delius.
9.00 Saturday Review includes reaction from a group of miners to Barry Hines's play The Price of Coal.
9.50 The Police. The fly-on-the-wall joins members of the Thames Valley Constabulary as they stake-out the home of a duchess they have reason to believe will be burgled (r).
10.30 Film: The Hole* (1960) starring Philippe Deroy, Mark Michel and Jea Keraudy. Prison break-out drama about a first offender who shares a cell with four hardened criminals and, believing that he will receive a long sentence, joins them in an escape plot from Paris's Sante prison. Directed by Jacques Becker (subtitled). Ends at 12.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.00 Ark on the Move. The first part of Gerald Durrell's 13-programmme wildlife series looks at the way in which man has decimated the planet's flora and fauna. Subtitled for the hearing impaired (r).
2.25 Film: A Walk in the Sun* (1945) starring Dana Andrews and Richard Conte. Second World War drama about a platoon of American soldiers on the Salerno beachhead who are ordered to capture a farm house which is being used by German snipers. Directed by Lewis Milestone.
4.35 Buffalo Bill. The odious chat show host runs into trouble when he accuses two of his show's guests, computer executives, of involvement with Russia.
5.05 Brookside. A compilation of the week's two episodes.
6.00 Ear Say. Popular music magazine programme.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by 7 Days. A leading Sikh in Britain talks about the bloodshed in Amritsar; Sir Anthony Parsons on the Gulf War; and a film about the change in the laws on gambling.
7.30 Union World. Bob Greaves reports on the growing conflict between the National Union of Journalists and the National Graphical Association over the introduction of new technology.
8.00 Cervantes. Part four of the dramatized biography of the 16th-century Spanish writer.
9.00 Callan. Edward Woodward stars as the secret serviceman, on the surface an unlikely trained killer, but in reality ready for anything that his superiors throw at him.
10.00 Bacchanal features the talents of four black musicians – Ian Hall, Vic Christian, Leslie Reid and Keith Waite.
10.50 Who Dares, Wins . . . Satire and topical comedy show.
11.50 Film: Tell No Tales* (1938) starring Melvyn Douglas as a crusading newspaper editor whose publication is threatened with closure following a take-over bid. While drowning his sorrows he chances across a kidnap case that could lead to the scoop that would save his publication. Directed by Leslie Fenton.
1.05 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 In Perspective. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. Mike Gilliam asks Alan Titchmarsh about jobs in the garden this weedend. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News 8.10 Today's Papers 8.15 Sport on 4. Presented by Tony Lewis. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Breakaway. Holiday, leisure and travel scene.
9.50 News stand. Hugo Young's review of weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster. With Adam Raphael.
10.30 Pick of the Week TV and radio extracts. With Magaret Howard.
11.30 From our own Correspondent. BBC correspondents report from around the world.
12.00 News; Money Box.
12.27 I'm sorry, I haven't a clue with Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden, and Barry Cryer. †12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? from Bakewell. With Lady Porter, Austin Mitchell MP, Dick Taverne and Richard Needham MP (r). 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty-Minute Theatre. 'A Proper Conversation' by Dee Phillips. With Pauline Letts and Margot Boyd. Drama about two elderly woman who meet by chance in a hospital ward. A very close relationship develops between them, though they belong to different social classes. †
2.35 Medicine Now. A report by Geoff Watts on the health of medical care.
3.05 Wildlife.
3.30 What Hope for the Young Musician? Shelley Bovey finds out what schools provide for musicians today and how the spending cut-backs affect them.
4.00 News: International Assignment.
4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled listeners and their familes.
5.00 So You Want To Be An Actor. Four programmes by Derek Parker (2) Learning the Part. Peter Barkworth and Paul Eddington are among those taking part.
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news† 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up.
6.25 The Magic of Music. Ronald Eyre considers the theatrical element in Verdi's Requiem.
7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. With a song from Fascinating Aida.
7.45 Baker's Dozen wolth Richard Baker†.
8.30 Saturday-night Theatre 'Dead Men's Shoes' by Simon Masters. With Colin Meredith, Geoffrey Hinsliff, and Colin Douglas. Police story about a police inspector who has to take early retirement, and the man who wants his job. A challenge he is never likely to forget occurs when there is a multi-vehicle pile-up on the motorway†. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 You The Jury. A new series in which current and controversial issues are put on trial. The motion: 'The abolition of the GLC and the Metropolitan Counties is a threat to local democracy. The motion is proposed by Ken Livingstone and opposed by Angela Rumbold. MP. Chairman: Geoffrey Robertson. †
11.00 Evening Service.†
11.15 Smith in the Sun. In the second of four programmes Phil Smith takes to the summer playground (2) A Race Apart.
11.30 In One Ear. Live comedy with Nick Wilton, Helen Lederer, Steve Brown, Clive Mantle.†
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.
England. VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade: Grainger's Jutish Medley; Vaughan Williams's (orch Forster) Prelude on Welsh hymn tune Rhosymedre; Brahms's 16 Waltzes Op 39 (Eden/Tamir, pianos); Paul Vidal's Gavotte (Zino-Zina); and Walton's Facade Suite No 1.† 9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review: Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 1 recordings are compared. Plus an item on Yo-Yo Ma's recording of the complete Bach Cello Suites†.
10.15 Stereo Release: Palestrina's Pange Lingua a 4; Francobaldi's O mors illa; and Handel's Dettingen Te Deum (English Concert, Choir of Wedminster Abbey, and soloists)†.
11.15 BBC SO in Germany: Mozart's Symphony No 38; Delius's Paris: Song of a Great City; and Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra†. Interval reading at 12.05. 1.00 News.
1.05 Sonatas and Songs: Beethoven, Weber, Schubert and Ries works played by Jean Rife (natural horn), Martin Pearlman (graf fortepiano) and Nigel North (19th century guitar). With Stephen Varcoe (baritone)†.
2.00 Dreamers of Dreams: A Delius programme. Eine Messe des Lebens (Mass of Life) (sung in German, with London Philharmonic Choir and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, under Beecham); and Summer Night on the River.
4.00 Mozart and Schubert: Nash Ensemble play Mozart's Flute Quartet K 285; and Schubert's "Trout" Quintet†.
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: presented by Peter Clayton†.
5.45 Critics' Choice: Nigel Andrews, Stephen Games, Claire Tomalin and (in the chair) Richard Cork discuss, inter alia, Douglas Slater's Radio 4 play Paradise Garden Attained, and Alec McCowen in Kipling at the Mermaid.
6.35 Martin Jones and Richard McMahon: Two pianos recital. Works by Ligeti, Richard Rodney Benett; and Kandinsky.
7.15 Fennimore and Gerda: Delius's opera in 11 scenes. Sung in English. Meredith Davies conducts the Danish Radio Chorus and SO. With Brian Rayner Cook as the poet who falls in love with the wife of his best friend. Elisabeth Sonderstrom sings two roles, and the cast also includes Robert Tear, Birger Brandt and Hedvig Rummel†.
8.45 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: with Marius May (cello). Part one. Smetana's overture The Bartered Bride; and Dvorak's Cello Concerto†.
9.35 Wild and Tame: Poems read by Jill Balcon, Denys Hawthorne and Godfrey Kenton. Introduced by Patric Dickinson.
9.50 BBC Welsh SO: Concert; part two. Beethoven's Symphony No 5†.
10.30 Vagn Holmboe: BBC Singers, with Michael Bundy (baritone) sing Holmboe's Domine, libera animam meam! Nimium habitavit; and his Lauda anima mea; and Grieg's Jesus Kristus er opfaren: I Himmelen†.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.55–7.15am Story of DDT; 11.20pm The Ghent Altarpiece; 11.40–12–00 Henry James and Some Fellow Novelists.

Radio 2

News on the hour until 1.00pm then from 6.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.0). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00 and 12.00. (MF/MW).
4.00 Paul Owens.† 6.00 Sheila Tracy† incl. 7.50 Racing. 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Sounds of the 60s.† 11.00 Album Time incl. 11.02 Sport. 1.00 Roy Castle in Castle's Corner. 1.30 Sport on 2. Includes Racing from Epsom: 1.45 The Tokyo Trophy Handicap. 2.15 The Ever Ready Ebbisham Stakes. 3.00 The Gold Seal Oaks Stakes. Rugby Union: (2nd Test match, South Africa and England) and Tennis: The French Open – Commentary on today's semi-finals. 5.00 Sports News. 6.00 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd. 7.00 Beat the Record. Keith Fordyce tests your musical knowledge. 7.30 Cricket Scores; BBC International Festival of Light Music. Concert hosted by Ray Moore (with guests Juan Martin (guitar) and The Phoenix Masterworks Chorale). Live from the Royal Festival Hall, London. †8.30-8.50 Interval with John Thompson. 10.02 Sport. 10.05 Saturday Rendezvous with Len Jackson†11.02 Racing. 11.05 Ken Bruce.† 1.00am Jean Challis.† 3.00-4.00 Country Concert.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour until 12.30 pm, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Peter Powell. 1.00 My Top Ten. John Taylor of Duran Duran talks to Andy Peebles and chooses his 10 favourite records. 2.00 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Saturday Live with Richard Skinner and Andy Batten-Foster.† 6.30 In Concert featuring Lynton Kwesi Johnson and The Dub Band.† 7.30 Janice Long with sessions from Jacko and The Kissing Bandits. 10.00-12.00 Dixie Peach. VHF RADIOS 1 and 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30-4.00am With Radio 2.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 Wales: 6.05-6.10 Sports news Wales. 12.50 Weather. Scotland: 11.55 Close. Northern Ireland: 6.05-6.10 Northern Ireland news and sport. 11.55 News and Weather. England: 6.05-6.10 Sport (South-west only: Spotlight sport). 11.55 Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.30pm Stephane Grappelli in concert. 12.15am Spirit of Today, followed by Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.35 Standby, Lights, Camera, Action. 10.05-10.30 Adventures of Gulliver. 11.30pm The Fugitive. 12.26am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30 Father Murphy. 10.25-10.30 TT Time. 5.05pm News. 5.10-6.00 Whiz Kids 11.45 Film: Carve Her Name With Pride* (Virginia McKenna). 1.45am Poet's Corner .Closedown.

S4C Starts 2.25pm Week in Politics. 3.05 Bacchanal. 3.45 Gardener's Calendar. 4.15 Film: Incendiary Blonde (Betty Hutton) Musical set in the 1920s. 6.10 The Sixties. 7.05 Where in the World! 7.35 Newyddion. 7.45 Newydd Bob Nos. 8.15 Noson Lawen. 9.15 Survive: Concentration Camps. 10.15 It takes a Worried Man. 10.45 Film: The Devil is a Woman (Marlene Dietrich). 12.25am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: Starts 9.30am Cartoon. 9.35 Smurfs. 10.00-10.30 Bits 'N' pieces. 11.45pm Harvest Jazz. 12.15am Reflections. 12.20 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.35 Happy Days. 10.00 Sport Billy. 10.25-10.30 Cantinflas Show. 11.45pm Late Call. 11.50 Private Benjamin. 12.20am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.35 Joe 90. 10.00-10.30 University Challenge. 5.05pm-6.00 The Fall Guy. 11.45 Lou Grant (Edward Asner). 12.40am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Snooper and Blabber. 9.30 Wheelie and the Chopper Bunch. 10.00-10.30 Batman. 5.05pm-6.00 Fall Guy. 11.45 Country Music Awards Show. 12.55am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.20 Freeze Frame. 11.45pm Rock Alive. 12.30am Postscript. 12.35 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Great Cartoon Stars. 9.35-10.30 Standby, Lights, Camera, Action. 11.45pm Superstars of Music: Blood sweat and Tears. 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Eastern Tales. 9.40 Little Rascals. 10.05-10.30 Matt and Jenny On The Wilderness Trail. 6.30pm Comedians. 7.00-7.30 Grumbleweeds. 11.45 Film: Alex and the Gipsy (Jack Lemmon) Californian love story. 1.35am Closedown.

ULSTER 9.25am Space 1999. 10.20-10.30 Cartoon. 5.10pm-6.00 Chips. 11.45 Sports Results. 11.50 News, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Professor Kitzel. 11.45pm The Sweeney (John Thaw). 12.45am Weather and Closedown. HTV WALES: No variation.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Thunderbirds. 10.20-10.30 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 12.30 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. * Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Sunday

BBC 1

6.20 Open University. Until 8.50.
9.00 Pigeon Street. For the very young (r). 9.15 Asian Magazine includes a discussion with members of the Southall Youth Movement. 9.45 Technical Studies. Programme eight: Manufacturing with plastics (r). 10.10 Delia Smith's Cookery Course. Part eight: preserving. 10.35 Tele-Montage. Excerpts from French-speaking television networks (r).
11.00 Worship for Whit Sunday. Sung Eucharist from Canterbury Cathedral. The preacher is the Archbishop of Canterbury. 12.00 Interval. 12.10 Exploring Photography. Part four of the series on still photography presented by Bryn Campbell (r).
12.35 Micros in the Classroom. The first of two films about the use of microcomputers in schools (r). 1.00 Farming. 1.25 Sparks features hunt saboteurs, CND activists and campaigners for health and fitness (r).
1.50 News headlines. 1.55 Cartoon: Mickey and Donald. 2.15 Film: To Have and Have Not* (1944) starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Set in Martinique after the fall of France, this adventure concerns a neutral American who begins to question his neutrality when he gains first hand knowledge of the nature of the Vichy government. Directed by Howard Hawks. 3.55 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry. 4.00 Bonanza. Drama on the Ponderosa as the local doctor's wife loses their first child.
4.50 Harty. Highlights from Russell Harty's recent series with guests including John Travolta, Shirley Maclaine and Tracey Ullman.
5.20 The Rock Gospel Show presented by Sheila Walsh. Her guests include the Clark Sisters.
5.55 News with Jan Leeming.
6.05 Beau Geste. Episode three of the dramatization of PC Wren's classic tale and the Blue Water has disappeared – along with Beau (r). (Ceefax titles page 170).
6.35 Appeal. Jill Gascoine appeals on behalf of Community Service Volunteers.
6.40 Songs of Praise from York Minster.
7.15 A Party Election Broadcast for the European elections on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
7.25 Film: Seven Nights in Japan (1976) starring Michael York and Hidemi Aoki. A young British prince on an official visit to Japan goes on unofficial walkabout in Tokyo where he meets a beautiful Japanese girl. Directed by Lewis Gilbert.
9.05 Dynasty. Steven Carrington's wife, Sammy Jo, astounds everybody by offering her son Danny for adoption.
9.50 That's Life. The serious and the funny side of consumer affairs.
10.35 News with Jan Leeming.
10.50 Figaro in Peking. A documentary about Glyndebourne's Jane Glover and Martin Isepp when they went to prepare the Peking Central Opera for Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro.
11.35 The Sky At Night. Patrick Moore and Dr Paul Murdin with the Isaac Newton Telescope in La Palma.
11.55 Weather.

TV-am

7.25 Good Morning Britain presented by David Frost begins with A Thought For Sunday from former trade union leader, John Boyd.
7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. For young early risers.
8.30 Good Morning Britain continues with news headlines from Jayne Irving.

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9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Me and My Micro. Fred Harris presents the first of a new series of programmes designed to help viewers write programs for home computers. 10.00 Morning Worship from the parish church of St Peter's, Mansfield. 11.00 Link. Rosalie Wilkins talks to Len Tasker, the founder of a sports and social centre for the disabled and to Jeffrey Tate, the disabled conductor who recently had an acclaimed season at the Barbican. 11.30 Star Fleet. Episode nine of the science fiction adventure.
12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Police 5. Shaw Taylor with some more mind-jogging clues to unsolved crimes. 1.15 Eastern Tales. Sir Michael Hordern with the Islamic fable of The Envious Wife. 1.30 The Groovy Ghoulies. Cartoon 2.00 Credo. Phillip Whitehead asks whether, with three exponents of the style in this country at the moment, American-style mass evangelism is good for Christianity.
2.30 London news headlines followed by Survival: Nature's Wing Three-quarters. The story of the springbok 3.00 QED. Quentin E Deverill and his gang are on the trail of a kidnapped scientist 4.00 The Smurfs.
4.30 Murphy's Mob. Drama serial about the fortunes of a football club and its supporters (r).
5.00 The Goodies. More madcap mayhem from Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie (r).
5.30 Magnum. A new series begins with private detective Thomas Magnum becoming involved in basketball rivalry.
6.30 News.
6.40 Topping on Sunday. Frank Topping begins another series of seven programmes of music, meditation and discussion. Among his guests are the Archbishop of York, John Habgood, with his wife, Rosalie.
7.15 European Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
7.25 Go for It. Comedy impersonations from Les Dennis, Dustin Gee and guests.
7.55 Surprise, Surprise! Cilla Black surprises an oil-rig crew.
8.55 News.
9.10 International Football. Live coverage of the second half of the game between Brazil and England in Rio de Janeiro.
10.15 Spitting Image. Comedy and satire mouthed by latex Luck and Flaw models.
10.40 The South Bank Show focuses on the one-man play Kipling, starring Alec McCowen.
11.40 London news headlines followed by American Documentary: Magic in the Sky which examines the impact of television on the Inuit Eskimos of the Canadian Arctic. Then Night Thoughts.



Pilgrims travelling to the shrine of Our Lady of El Rocio: a scene from tonight's documentary (Channel 4, 6.15pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University. Until 1.55.
1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The coverage includes Athletics: the HFC Olympic Trials at Gateshead. Tennis: the Men's Singles Final of the French Open Championships; Golf: coverage of the final round of the St Mellion Timeshare Tournament Players Championship: Horse Racing The French Oaks.
6.50 News Review. A digest of the week's news from Jan Leeming
7.15 A Party Election Broadcast for the European elections on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
7.25 Sharing Time: Autumn Break. The sixth of nine plays set in a time-share flat in a converted manor house. The Howard and Pierce families have always enjoyed their holidays together but it is only on this holiday that their respective children begin to see something else other than playmates in each other (Ceefax titles page 270).
8.15 The Natural World. The story of Long Point, a long sand spit on the shore of Canada's Lake Erie which, when first seen by missionaries 300 years ago, was described as a paradise. Indiscriminate hunting reduced the wildlife to virtually nothing but now, thanks to the foresight of wealthy sportsmen in 1866 who bought it as a private shooting reserve, the area is being re-visited by the threatened species that made it the paradise of the missionaries. The narrator is Barry Paine.
9.05 The King's Singers Madrigal Mystery Tour. Penshurst Place, Chiddingstone and Ightham Mote are among the places visited in tonight's programme on the magic of madrigals.
9.35 News with Jan Leeming.
9.45 John McCormack. A film documentary of the world-famous Irish tenor who was born 100 years ago this week. The film traces McCormack's career from his early days in Athlone and Dublin, his operatic successes in Covent Garden and America to his conquest of the concert platform. Among those appearing are members of his family, Gerald Moore and Dame Eva Turner. Written and narrated by Andy O'Mahony.
10.35 Film: Sybil. Part two of the story of a psychiatrist's struggle to delve into the 16 personalities of a young girl. Starring Joanne Woodward and Sally Field. Directed by Daniel Petrie. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

1.40 Scottish View. With Cardinal O'Fiaich as he leads a pilgrimage of all denominations from Northern Ireland to Iona
2.05 Film: The Belle of New York (1952) starring Fred Astaire. An MGM musical with Astaire as the playboy who is swept of his feet by a beautiful Salvation Army girl. Directed by Charles Walters.
3.35 People's Minds. A documentary about a fortnight in the life and work of the Graeae Theatre Company, a talented group of performers who have one thing in common – all are in some way physically handicapped
5.00 News summary and weather followed by Book Four. The final edition of the series is devoted to Germaine Greer. She talks to presenter Hermione Lee about her controversial book Sex and Destiny and of the critical response it received.
5.45 Where in the World! Travel quiz chaired by Ray Alan
6.15 El Rocio. A film about the Whitsun pilgrimage of almost a million people to the Andalusian shrine of Our Lady of El Rocio on the sparse marshlands of the River Guadalquivir Estuary
7.15 The Sixties. The final episode of the series examines how the liberal attitudes and affluence of the early part of the decade led to scenes of violence at the decade's end. Street battles in London and Belfast, the Vietnam War; racist speeches by Enoch Powell, riots in Northern Ireland and the police raid on the magazine Oz ended the hopes of the Sixties.
8.15 Upstairs, Downstairs. Richard Bellamy receives some dubious advice from businessman Jack Challen on the subject of some engineering shares. This leads to Bellamy being involved in a public scandal.
9.15 Hank Williams – The Show He Never Gave. The first of four programmes on country music begins with a romanticized account of the night that Hank Williams died in a car crash. Starring Sneezy Waters as Hank Williams.
10.50 Film: Shanghai Express* (1932) starring Marlene Dietrich as a notorious prostitute, Shanghai Lily, travelling on the Shanghai Express out of Peking when it is attacked from the air by rebels. Directed by Josef Von Sternberg.
12.20 European Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance.
12.30 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast: 6.30 News; Morning has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. Religious affairs and views from home and abroad. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service for Whit Sunday from Lansdowne Baptist Church, Bournemouth.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper. Food for refugees?
11.40 Smash of the Day: Dad's Army – based on the original TV series (r)
12.10 It's Your World: 01-580 4411. Listeners can put their questions to President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia. 12.15 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend: News.
1.50 A Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal/SDP Alliance. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time visits Northamptonshire.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre: 'Paradise Garden Attained' by Douglas Slater. A play about Delius's days in Paris. With Charles Dance and Anna Massey as the composer and the woman, Jelka Rosen, who eventually became his wife.†(r)
4.00 News: Origins. Seven programmes in which Malcolm Billings explores the world of archaeology (5) The Great Hall of the Archbishop's Palace at Canterbury.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News: Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Derby. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 News.
6.15 Soundings. Each week a current issues are sounded out for their moral and religious implications. With Sister Joan Chittister and Pastor Michael Zhidkov, of Moscow Baptist Church.
6.45 Feedback. Susan Marling pursues your criticisms of, and questions the BBC about its programmes.
7.00 Travel; Deep Six. A serial in six parts by John Fletcher (4) †
7.30 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book programme. With Hunter Davies.
8.00 Letter from Johannesburg. By the BBC southern Africa corespondent, Graham Leach.
8.15 In Praise of God for Pentecost. With the BBC singers.
9.00 News; The Moon and Sixpence by W Somerset Maugham. Dramatized in four episodes (2). With Ronald Pickup and Patrick Allen. 19.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The World's Debate. The story of the Crusades told in words of those who lived through them (6) The Rivers of Babylon.†
11.00 Discoveries in Healing. The Rev Stanley Brinkman invites listeners to join in sharing experiences of Christian healing.
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except: 6.45-7.45 Open University: 6.45 Control of Education. 7.05 State and Society. 7.25 Catholic Schools in Scotland. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4: 4.00 Patients' Guide to the NHS. 4.30 The Sporting Life. 5.00 A Room of One's Own. 5.30 Euromagazine

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 Dvorak Chamber Music: Kvapil (piano) plays the Impromptu in D minor. Plus two waltzes from Op 54 (Prague String Quartet) and Piano Trio Op 65 (Beaux Arts Trio).† 9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Beethoven's String Quartet in C sharp minor Op 131; Bach's Two Chorale Preludes on Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659/661); and Mendelssohn's Die Erte-Walpugisnacht, Op 60 (soloists Burmeister, Buchner and Lorenz: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra and Leipzig Radio Choir).†
10.30 Music Weekly: interview with the French pianist/composer Maurice Ohana. Noel Goodwin on New Music for Dance. And Joan Weiss on the true art of ornamentation.†
11.20 American Orchestras: National SO of Washington (under Rostropovich) play Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 2 (pianist: Bella Davidovich); Stephen Burton's concert overture The Pied Piper and Vaughan Williams's A London Symphony.† Interval reading at 11.55.
1.00 Elisabeth Leonskaja: piano recital. Schumann's Faschingsschwank aus Wien: and Mussorgsky's Pictures from an Exhibition.†
2.05 Russian Music: BBC Philharmonic, with Robert Cohen (cello). Glinka's overture A Life for the Tsar: Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo theme; and Stravinsky's ballet Petrushka.†
3.15 Beethoven and Mozart: Amadeus Trio play Beethoven's Trio Op 3; and Mozart' Duo in G for violin and viola, K 423.†
4.20 Music for the Oboe Family: Works by Charles Koechlin; Dominic Muldowney's Three Hymns to Agape, and Robert Saxton's Arias, played by Robin Canter (oboe, oboe d'amore and cor anglais) and Linn Hendry (piano).†
5.15 By Whom Begot? The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford, Dr John Ashworth, discuss the moral issues raised by the new techniques of human procreation and the recent report of the Council for Science and Society. The discussion is chaired by Paul Sieghart.
6.00 Delius Chamber Music: Performances on record of the String Quartet, 1916; the Violin Sonata No 2; and the Toccata (No 5 of Five Piano Pieces).
6.45 Yesterday's News: Stephen Koss, Professor of History at Columbia University, author of The Rise and Fall of the Political Press in Britain; in conversation with Ian Hargreaves.
7.15 Richard III: A musical portrait of his time. Part of last year's Middleham festival in Wensleydale. The Consort of Musicke, directed by Anthony Rooley (lute), give a concert in St Akelda's Church, Middleham.†
8.00 Caught on the Crossing: A second chance to hear Manny Draycott's drama, with Tim Pigott-Smith and Susan Wooldrige (the co-stars of Jewel in the Crown), Alan Rickman and Maxine Audley. (r) †
9.00 British Music: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, with Yehudi Menuhin play Lambert's Music for Orchestra; and Lennox Berkeley's Violin Concerto. Part one. The concert is broadcast live from the Royal Festival Hall in London. The conductor is Norman del Mar.†
9.50 Making Hay: Norman Jones reads the short story by Deborah Moggach.
10.15 British Music. Concert, part two. Musgrave's Concerto for Orchestra; and Bliss's Suite from the ballet Checkmate.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.55am Modern Art: Rodchenko; 7.15 The Grand Inquisitor (2); 7.35-7.55 Foreground Battles and Rearguard Action.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 Wales: 11.55pm news and weather. Scotland: 1.00-1.25 Landward. 6.35-6.40 Appeal on behalf of the Thistle Foundation. 11.55 News and weather. Northern Ireland: Farm View. 11.50 News and Weather. England: 11.55 Close.

ANGLIA As London except: starts 9.30am-10.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Micro. 1.00pm Laurel and Hardy* 1.25 Weather. 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 Irish RM. 3.30-4.30 Chips. 5.00 Winner Takes All. 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.40 Devlin Connection. 12.40am Spirit of Today. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory. 9.30-10.00 Link. 11.00 Me and My Micro. 11.28 Lookaround. 11.30-12.00 Jason of Star Command. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Beverly Hillbillies* 3.00 Royal Family. 3.30-4.30 Battlestar Galactica. 5.32-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.40 Jazz. 12.10am Ice Hockey. 12.40am Susie Beddow Plays, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Sport Billy. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Micro. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Phylis Diller Show. 2.45 Scottish Junior Cup Final. 5.00 Murphy's Mob. 5.30-6.30 Fall Guy. 11.40 James Michener's USA. 12.40am Reflections, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.00 About Britain. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.30-4.30 Film: Ivanhoe (Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor). 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.40 Jazz. 12.25am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Farming Brief. 11.30-12.00 Animals in Action. 1.00pm Owzat! 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 Film: Fanny By Gaslight* (James Mason, Phyllis Calvert). Victorian romantic melodrama. 4.25-4.30 News. 5.30-6.30 Chips. 11.40 Protectors. 12.10am Company. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.25pm Starting Point. 1.30-2.00 Me and My Camera. 2.30 Young Music. 2.40 University Challenge. 3.10 Cartoon. 3.30-4.30 Battlestar Galactica. 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 7.15-7.25 Hymn writers. 11.40 Police Squad. 12.10am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: Starts 11.00am Link. 11.30-12.00 Me & My Micro. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Bygones. 2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30-4.30 Little House on the Prairie. 5.30-6.30 Whiz Kids. 11.40 Sports Results. 11.45 Hands. 12.10am News, closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon. 10.00 Eastern Tales. 10.15-11.00 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 11.30-12.00 Murphy's Mob. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 No Easy Answer. 2.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 2.55 Scottish Junior Cup Final. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Newhart 12.15am Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.20pm Six Centuries of Verse. 1.50 Black on Black. 2.45 Seat Among the Stars. 3.15 Film. Eddie Cantor Story. 5.20 Julie Anthony's First Special. 6.15 El Rocio. 7.15 Ffermwyr. 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Swyn Y Jiwbili. 8.00 Mae Hi'n Wyllt Mr Borrow. 8.35 Byd Cerdd. 9.25 Top C's and Tiaras. 10.20 American Caesar. 10.45 Film: Shanghai Express (Marlene Dietrich) 12.15am European Party Election. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25 am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Me & My Micro. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm Cartoon. 1.15 Eastern Tales. 1.30-2.00 Stingray. 2.30 Smurfs. 2.45-4.30 Film: Starbird and Sweet William (Al Martinez). 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.40 Evening at Pops. 12.40am Five Minutes. Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.00 Vicky the Viking. 11.30-12.00 Me & My Micro. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Wales. 2.30-4.30 Film: Harry and Walter Go the New York (James Caan). Comedy. 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.40 Snooker. 12.25am Closedown
HTV WALES: No variation.

TSW As London except: starts 9.30am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Me & My Micro. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00pm Gardens for All. 1.30-2.00 Farming News. 2.30 An Canker Seth. 2.40 University Challenge. 3.10 Cartoon. 3.30-4.30 Battlestar Galactica. 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.40 Police Squad. 12.10am Postscript, closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border Diary. 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook. 1.00pm Border Diary. 1.05-2.00 Nature of Things. 2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.25 Battlestar Galactica. 4.20-4.30 Cartoon. 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.40 Closedown

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel 9.30-10.00 Greatest Thinkers. 11.00 Me & My Micro. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 This Is Your Right. 1.00pm Uiversity Challenge. 1.30 Credo. 2.00 Cricket: Lancs v Sussex. 4.15 Murphy's Mob 4.45-6.30 Cricket. 11.40 Jazz Life. 12.20am Closedown.

Great Victorian aunt who pioneered photography





Times past: Children and countrymen photographed by Gertrude Rogers in Cobham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, in 1861.

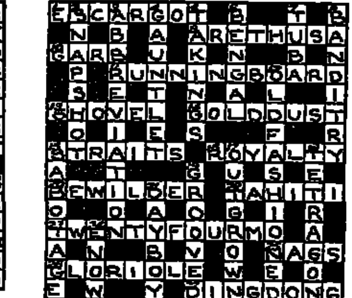
More than a century after she trundled through the lanes of Kent in a stylish brougham fitted out as a mobile darkroom, great aunt Gertrude has entered the roll of eminent Victorian photographers.

Gertrude Elizabeth Rogers' produced a time capsule of rural life in Kent and Essex between 1861 and 1864. Eel pot fishermen, a gaffer in a stovepipe hat, knife grinders, village urchins and grannies held gruelling 20-second poses while she recorded them through her cumbersome wet-plate camera.

When her pictures are auctioned in London on June 27, they will help preserve her family stately home, Riverhill House, built in 1714 near Sevenoaks, Kent, from where Mrs Rogers made her photographic forays.

Her great nephew, Major David Rogers, formerly of the Royal Dragoons, and his wife Eve, who live there, hope to raise £10,000 to pay for the demolition of a crumbling Victorian wing.

Mrs Rogers, born in 1837, moved away from Riverhill after she married a lawyer. Late in life, as a widow, she lived in a relative's house at Cookham, Berkshire, where she died in 1917, aged 80.



Gertrude Rodgers: Recorded rural life.

In 1967 after the death of another relative Major Rogers and his wife cleared the house and found more than 40 photographs wrapped in old newspapers on top of a wardrobe – legacy of an avante-garde hobby of a gentlelady.

Their brilliance was not recognized until recently, when Mrs Rogers took some books to Phillips, and included a few photographs.

Mr Hugo Marsh, Phillips photographic specialist, said: "These photographs represent one of the most exciting saleroom finds. They combine excellence of quality, composition and condition with historical value". They will be sold in separate lots, ranging from an estimated £60 to £400 a print.

Mr Marsh said: "Gertude roved in her horse-drawn darkroom through Kent, into Essex and Sussex and even as far as Berkshire, but her hobby seems to have ended abruptly when she married in 1865.

"What she has left is a delightful portfolio of village life in distant summers: her photographs never appear forced or sentimental but convey the feeling of hot days with a slight breeze blowing through the trees."

Walkout at 'Sixty Minutes'

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with ITV's *Weekend World* and a consumer affairs programme.

Mr Brian Wenham, the director of programmes, said in a letter to *Sixty Minutes* staff that the programme contained a basic design fault, but the changes would not alter the amount of money the BBC spent on news

But the National Union of Journalists chapel at Lime Grove was not continued. It said its members had walked out in protest at the corporation's "shameful retreat" from its duty to public since broadcasting.

The journalists, who stayed in mandatory session until midnight, were unsure about how to pursue their fight against the corporation's policy, which they see as indicative of a new emphasis towards viewing figures.

Sikh leaders appeal for moderation as toll rises

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operation – clearing up arms caches and arresting terrorists outside the Sikh temples – had begun. He said that 13 extremists were arrested in Malwal, and a quantity of arms seized. He also said that a mob of 100 people fired at a paramilitary police patrol, but dispersed when the fire was returned in Kuthligar.

At the same tine, Mr Wali admitted that the body count inside the Golden Temple had risen. He would not confirm a report that another 200 bodies had been found, but he said that the toll had gone higher than the 250 terrorists killed that was first announced. All the bodies had been cremated, he said.

The body of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale had undergone a post mortem examination and then was Cremated "with full religious honours" after being kept on ice.

Mrs Gandhi flew to Mount Abu, in Rajasthan, yesterday to address a meeting at the Central Reserve Police and Internal Security Academy. She expressed her "anguish and profound sorrow" at events in Punjab, but praised the restraint showed by the Army in the Golden Temple complex.

● LIVERPOOL: Violence flared yesterday when more than 500 Sikhs from the north of England staged a protest rally outside the Indian High Commission here. One policeman was hut when a petrol bomb was thrown from the chanting. Banner-waving crowd. They also hurled bricks narrowly missing the officers' heads. There were several arrests.

● HONG KONG: About 500 chanting Sikhs yesterday marched from a temple here to the Indian High Commission to protest against the stroming of the Golden Temple, a High commission official said

Frank Johnson at the economic summit

An endless supply of Italian Premiers

After Dublin, Ballyporeen and Normandy the Reagans, like all idyllically happy American couples doing the usual trip to Europe in the evening of their lives, arrived for a few days in London.

They checked in at the London Economic Summit. The Annual Economic Summit is organized along the same lines as those international chains of hotels which have made multi-millionaires out of so many of Mr and Mrs Reagan's countrymen.

It is not for us to question America's tastes in these matters. Suffice to say that like Americans the world over, the Reagan's tend to stay at places which are just like home and broadly the same no matter which foreign city they are in: the same food, the same bullet proof motorcades, etc.

There is the Williamsburg Economic Summit. There is the Ottawa Economic Summit, the Versailles Economic Summit, the Tokyo Economic Summit and so on. The chain started from a single business, the Rambouillet Economic Summit, built in 1975. Europe's legendary crowned heads caroused away the nights at Rambouillet in those days – figures such as the then Mr Harold Wilson. America's much loved Mr Gerald Ford used to entertain the guests by falling over.

The Economic Summits had character in those days. Now, like so much else, they have become homogenized and such is the nature of the international hospitality industry at this prestige level, mergers are probably inevitable. In a few years time, each great city will have its Hilton-Economic Summit, then its Hilton-Stadrler Economic Summit, and they will all be the same.

But Mr Reagan seems content enough. While his wie presumably went shopping and ran up a substantial bill, he whiled away the day chatting to the other foreign business travellers whom he meets all over the world in this class of place.

There was the formidable Englishwoman who this year seemed under the impression that she was the manageress.

As always in such accommodation, there was the courteous Japanese gentleman whose name from time to time perhaps escapes Mr Reagan, as indeed does his car market.

Also, there was an Italian who claimed to be the country's Prime Minister. One of them is to be found at every Summit. Every time Mr Reagan checks in at the next Summit, there is a different Italian who says he is Prime Minister.

Surely it is time that the security people, so swift at ordering about journalists and ordinary citizens, should look into this seemingly endless supply of Italians who say they are Prime Minister.

Every now and then yesterday, the guests would break off their happy chatter, and drift away for a meal. No doubt it was the sort of international cuisine, always found in establishments of this kind, whose main object is to reach maximum agreement among diverse palates.

As all this talking and eating continued, the rest of us waited for where it would all end, what it all meant. The British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, would come and talk to us at three o'clock, it was announced. Three o'clock came and no Sir Geoffrey. The most sober of statesmen, it is unlikely that he had overdone it at lunch. Possibly he had fallen asleep.

The world's press were massed for Sir Geoffrey's arrival, certainly for the first time in that excellent, though perhaps uncharismatic, statesman's career. At an economic summit the world's press has to make do with what is available. The British police suddenly formed a cordon in the foyer of the Connaught Rooms (the press headquarters) and ordered us back.

My colleague, Mr Peter Jenkin, of *The Guardian*, a paper alert for any signs of police brutality, courageously protested. He told a policeman that this was private property and that was quite unecessary to order us about like this because, having been issued with press badges, we were all officially harmless.

"It's for your own protection, sir," the policeman told him – the first time it had ever been suggested that the gentle Sir Geoffrey was any threat to anyone.

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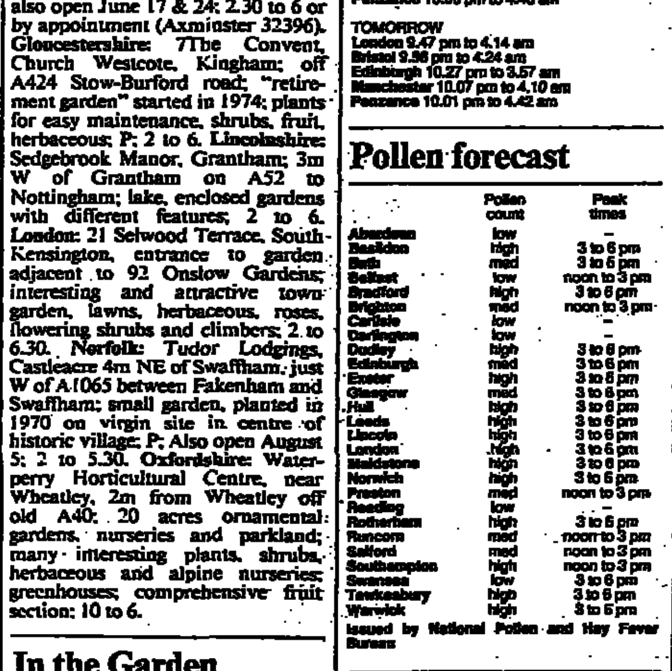
A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are:

Mr T. Rowlands, 1 Heol Tredwr, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan ; Mrs S. Preece, 77 Clifton Crescent, Sheffield ; P. Roberts, 17 Copse End, Camberley, Surrey.

Name...

Address...



ACROSS

1 One drinking like a fish? A shark, right (5).
4 See about strong language – to me it's disgusting (9).
9 One's in order having this cover for a poisonous plant (9).
10 They bite a bit at times (5).
11 Fruit many swine will not appreciate (5).
12 Bird in the hand of a Cockney wood-worker, say? (9).
13 Limits of epic record said to be Virgil's work (7).
15 Do we finally get supplied with funds? (7).
18 Could be Pauline writing this (7).
20 Abide by notice (7).
21 Discerning the archaic style – exculpated about that (5-4).
23 Where for instance to get meat in Surrey (5).
25 The theme is witticism, a Kipling poem (5).
26 I am a voice without emotion (9).
27 Time for stocking up, you'll say? (9).
28 Victims of Cromwell according to Marie (5).

DOWN

1 Could be a minute clock? (9).
2 Found in Pennsylvania and put in a zoo (5).
3 Hence a glimmering that the onset is easy to bear (9).
4 Inspection of King's Scholar on end of line in Cornish resort (4-3).
5 Article on Italian poet's movement (7).
6 Pleonastically male ram gets us agitated (3,2).
7 Bowling strength so to defeat the opposition (9).
8 Number three perhaps? (5).
14 A queen's favourite cheese (9).
16 One giving us medicines or one doing without? (9).
17 Hamlet a king of infinite space if so untroubled by visions? (9).
19 See unfinished music composition, Abode of the Blessed (7).
20 Tragic hero to die terribly in work (7).
21 Periodical appearance of variety entertainer (5).
22 William's sound advice to give us overhead cover (5).
24 It makes one a hit in the West Indies (5).

CONCISE CROSSWORD, PAGE 16

Today's events

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh give a dinner for the Heads of State and Government and leaders of delegations attending the Economic Summit, Buckingham Palace, 8.30.

Trooping the Colour rehearsal starts 10.13; the Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, takes the Salute on Horse Guards Parade, 11.

New exhibitions

Exhibition and sale of flower paintings in watercolours by Sheila M. Anderson; Border Country Life Museum, Thirlestane Castle, Lauder: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat and Sun 2 to 5: (until July 1).

Music

St Paul's School (Hastings) Ealy Music Group and Senlac: St Peter, Old Town, Bexhill, 7.30.

Recital by Stuart Beer (tenor) and Russell Lomas (piano): Manchester Cathedral, 7.30.

Llandaff Festival: Northern Sinfonia of England: St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Beechfield Youth Orchestra; William Appleby Music Centre, Doncaster, 11.

Concert by Canterbury Singers; Eastern Crypt, Canterbury Cathedral, 8.

Piano recital by Diana Merz-Lewis; Doddington Hall, Lincoln, 7.30.

Tomorrow

Royal Engagements

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, visits Church Fenton Air Day, 12 noon.

General

Opening of University Botanic Gardens: 56 Edgbaston Pk Rd, Birmingham, 2 to 6.

Bristol to Weymouth Vintage Vehicle Run: College St, Bristol, 9.

Historic Vehicle Gathering: Zoo Car Park, Paignton, 10 to 5.

Music

Reading Festival: Twin Town Concert; St Peter's Church, St Peter's Hill, Caversham, 3. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and Reading Bach Choir; The Hexagon, Queens Walk, Reading, 7.30.

Anniversaries

TODAY

Births: George Stephenson, builder of the "Rocket", Wylam, Northumberland, 1781; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, Aldeborough, Suffolk, 1836.

Deaths: Charles Dickens, Chatham, Kent, 1870; Sir Walter Besant, novelist, philanthropist, and co-founder of the Society of Authors, London, 1901; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, Leatherhead, Surrey, 1964.

TOMORROW

Births: Gustave Courbet, painter, Ornans, France, 1819; André Derain, painter, Chatou, France, 1880; Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Corfu, 1921.

Deaths: Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1893-1906, at sea, 1906; Pierre Loti, novelist, Hendaye, France, 1923; Antonio Gaudi, architect, Barcelona, 1926; Frederick Delius, Grez-sur-Loing, France, 1934; Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, 1911-20, Ottawa, 1937.

Crystal Palace, recrected at Sydenham, south London, opened by Queen Victoria, 1854.

Gardens open

P = Plants for sale.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Oxfordshire: Brook Cottage, Alkerton, 6m W of Banbury, off A422 Banbury-Stratford road; 4 acres, bulbs, roses, shrubs, water garden, white and yellow borders; P; Also open July 7 & 8 and October 20 & 21; 2 to 7.

TOMORROW

Argyll: Kildalloig, Campbeltown on Kilkerran road; attractive shrub borders; fine views; 2 to 7. Argyll: Lossit, Machrihanish, by Campbeltown, fine shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas, sub-tropical plants, sunken vegetable garden; fine views and woodland walks; 2 to 7. Berkshire: Stone House, Brimpton, 6m SE of Newbury, 2m S of A4 Bath road; medium sized garden, shrubs fine trees, walled kitchen garden; P when available; 2 to 6.30. Clwyd: Cumbers House, Gredington, 7M W of Whitchurch, on A539, 1m W of Hanmer, 5m E of Overton-on-Dee; 2 acres; old garden being developed and replanted; unusual plants but not a spectacular garden; cold greenhouse; 2 to 6. Devon: Farrants, Kilmington, 2m W of Axminster, off A35 at Kilmington Cross; 1 acre, mostly shrubs and ground cover for year round interest; P if available; also open June 17 & 24; 2.30 to 6 or by appointment (Axminster 32396). Gloucestershire: 7The Convent, Church Westcote, Kingham; off A424 Stow-Burford road; "retirement garden" started in 1974; plants for easy maintenance, shrubs, fruit, herbaceous; P; 2 to 6. Lincolnshire: Sedgebrook Manor, Grantham; 3m W of Grantham on A52 to Nottingham; lake, enclosed gardens with different features; 2 to 6. London: 21 Selwood Terrace, South-Kensington, entrance to garden adjacent to 92 Onslow Gardens; interesting and attractive town garden, lawns, herbaceous, roses, flowering shrubs and climbers; 2 to 6.30. Norfolk: Tudor Lodgings, Castleacre 4m NE of Swaffham, just W of A1065 between Fakenham and Swaffham; small garden, planted in 1970 on virgin site in centre of historic village; P; Also open August 5; 2 to 5.30. Oxfordshire: Waterperry Horticultural Centre, near Wheatley, 2m from Wheatley off old A40; 20 acres ornamental gardens, nurseries and parkland; many interesting plants, shrubs, herbaceous and alpine nurseries; greenhouses; comprehensive fruit section; 10 to 6.

In the Garden

Plants are often checked by pests or disease and, the more tender kinds like runner beans by unseasonal cold nights. Once the onset of pests or disease has been arrested by spraying with an appropriate insecticide or fungicide, several applications of a leaf feed at 7 to 10 day intervals will greatly help the plants to recover from their setback.

There are several soluble fertilizers available that may be sprayed on the plants, or even watered on from a watering can fitted with a fine rose. It is wise to wet both the upper and the under sides of the leaves, as the plants absorb the fertilizer from both surfaces.

Whether they have received a check or not most plants respond well to foliar feeding. Main crop carrots and turnips may be sown now and lettuces and radishes. Also globe beetroot may be sown now, the variety "Boltardy" is very suitable, an early variety of pea such as "Feltham First" and "Early Onward". French and runner beans may still be sown this month. R.H.

Roads

Scotland: Edinburgh: From 10am until 7pm there will be various restrictions in city centre because of Gala Day celebrations in Holyrood Park. In addition Queens Drive will be closed between the Holyrood Triangle and Meadow Bank. Borders Region: Hawick Common Riding (local event). High Street closed this morning. Also expect disruption on A7, A698 and B6399. Tayside Region: Forfar Highland Games takes place today. Extra traffic on A94, A926, A932, A929.

Wales and the West: M4: Only one carriageway in use between junction 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham), expect delays. M4: Severn Bridge, lane closures on both carriageways throughout the weekend, approach with care.

Midlands: Walsall: Expect congestion in town centre today as the Black Country Olympics start and continue for the week.

Information supplied by the AA.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 9.46 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.55 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.26 pm to 3.58 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.11 am
Penzance 10.00 pm to 4.43 am

TOMORROW
London 9.47 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.56 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.27 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.07 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.01 pm to 4.42 am

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Aberdeen	low	–
Basildon	high	3 to 6 pm
Bath	med	3 to 6 pm
Belfast	low	noon to 3 pm
Bradford	high	3 to 6 pm
Brighton	med	noon to 3 pm
Carlisle	low	–
Darlington	low	–
Dudley	high	3 to 6 pm
Edinburgh	med	3 to 6 pm
Exeter	high	3 to 6 pm
Glasgow	med	3 to 6 pm
Hull	high	3 to 6 pm
Leeds	high	3 to 6 pm
Lincoln	high	3 to 6 pm
London	high	3 to 6 pm
Maidstone	high	3 to 6 pm
Norwich	high	3 to 6 pm
Preston	med	noon to 3 pm
Reading	low	–
Rotherham	high	3 to 6 pm
Runcorn	med	noon to 3 pm
Salford	med	noon to 3 pm
Southampton	high	noon to 3 pm
Swansea	low	3 to 6 pm
Tewkesbury	high	3 to 6 pm
Warwick	high	3 to 6 pm

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.62	1.45
Austria Sch	27.70	26.10
Belgium Fr	80.75	76.75
Canada $	1.87	1.80
Denmark Kr	14.34	13.64
Finland Mkk	8.35	7.90
France Fr	12.01	11.41
Germany DM	3.90	3.71
Greece Dr	159.00	149.00
Hongkong $	11.25	10.65
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2400.00	2300.00
Japan Yen	336.00	320.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.18
Norway Kr	11.19	10.64
Portugal Esc	199.00	189.00
South Africa Rd	2.14	2.00
Spain Pta	215.75	204.75
Sweden Kr	11.64	11.04
Switzerland Fr	3.25	3.08
USA $	1.44	1.39
Yugoslavia Dnr	186.00	176.00

Retail Price Index: 349.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 1.8 at 831.4.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will cover Britain.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Cen S, SW, NW, Cen N England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Cen N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Fog patches at first, sunny periods, wind N or variable light, max temp 23C (73F).

E Anglia, E England: Rather cloudy at first with fog patches, sunny periods developing, wind N light, max temp 23C (73F).

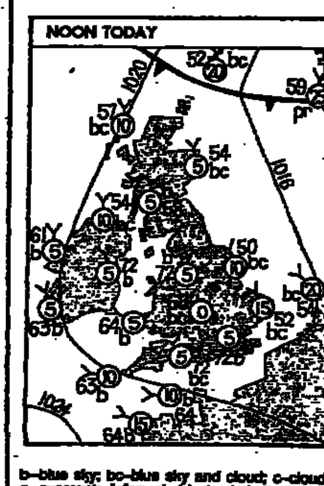
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Sunny periods, wind N light, max temp 20C (68F).

NE, NW Scotland: Sunny periods, wind variable light, max temp 20C (68F).

Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy drizzle in places, wind variable light, max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Dry with sunny periods except for the far N of Scotland, where it will be more cloudy with drizzle at times. Mostly warm but cooler near some coasts.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: wind N fresh becoming moderate or light, fair, visibility moderate or good, sea moderate becoming slight. Straits of Dover: wind N moderate becoming light, fair, visibility moderate or good, sea slight becoming smooth. English Channel (E): wind variable light, fair, visibility moderate or good, sea smooth. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind variable light, isolated thundery showers, visibility mainly moderate or good but some fog patches, sea smooth.



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures fahrenheit.

TODAY
Sun rises: 4.44 am Sun sets: 9.16 pm
Moon rises: 4.16 pm Moon sets: 2.47 am
Full moon: June 13.

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 4.44 am Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon rises: 5.40 pm Moon sets: 3.04 am

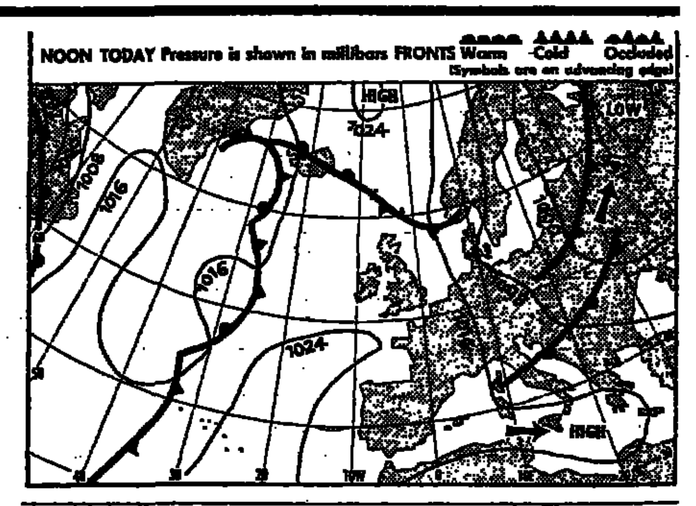
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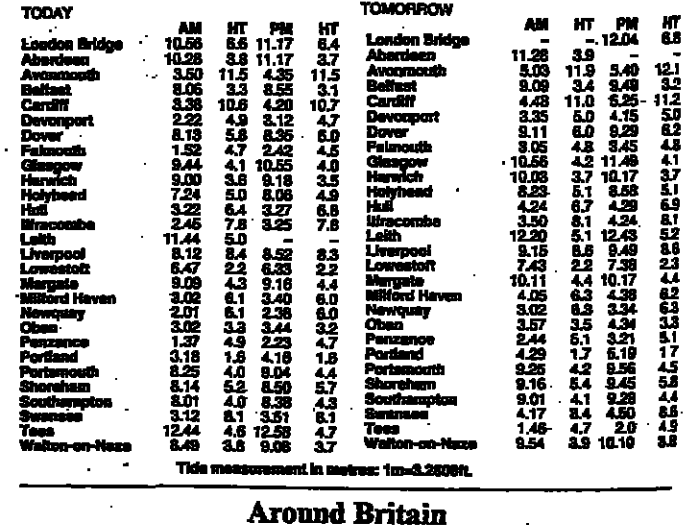
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Belfast	s	20	68	Guernsey	s	17	63
Birmingham	s	20	68	Inverness	c	13	55
Blackpool	s	18	64	Jersey	s	17	63
Bristol	s	22	72	London	s	19	66
Cardiff	s	18	64	Manchester	s	21	70
Edinburgh	s	16	61	Newcastle	c	17	62
Glasgow	s	23	73	Ronaldsway	s	17	63

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 9.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.1 millibars rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.



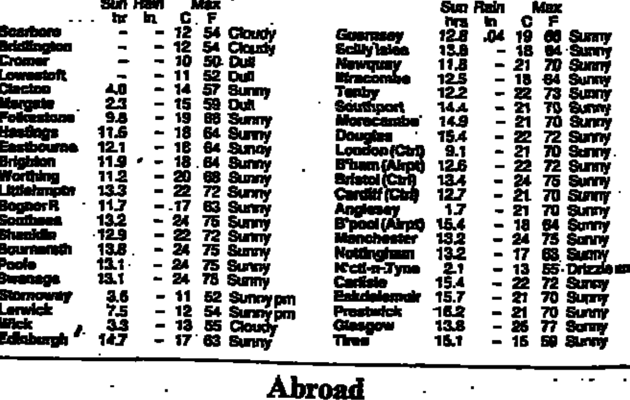
High tides



	TODAY AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.56	6.6	11.17	6.4	–	–	12.04	6.8
Aberdeen	10.28	3.8	11.17	3.7	11.26	3.9	–	–
Avonmouth	3.50	11.5	4.35	11.5	5.03	11.9	5.40	12.1
Belfast	8.06	3.3	8.55	3.1	9.09	3.4	9.49	3.2
Cardiff	3.38	10.6	4.20	10.7	4.48	11.0	5.25	11.2
Devonport	2.22	4.9	3.12	4.7	3.35	5.0	4.15	5.0
Dover	8.13	5.8	8.35	6.0	9.11	6.0	9.29	6.2
Falmouth	1.52	4.7	2.42	4.5	3.05	4.8	3.45	4.8
Glasgow	9.44	4.1	10.55	4.0	10.56	4.2	11.49	4.1
Harwich	9.00	3.6	9.18	3.5	10.08	3.7	10.17	3.7
Holyhead	7.24	5.0	8.06	4.9	8.23	5.1	8.58	5.1
Hull	3.22	6.4	3.27	6.8	4.24	6.7	4.29	6.9
Ilfracombe	2.45	7.8	3.25	7.8	3.50	8.1	4.24	8.1
Leith	11.44	5.0	–	–	12.20	5.1	12.43	5.2
Liverpool	8.12	8.4	8.52	8.3	9.15	8.8	9.49	8.6
Lowestoft	6.47	2.2	6.33	2.2	7.43	2.2	7.38	2.3
Margate	9.09	4.3	9.16	4.4	10.11	4.4	10.17	4.4
Milford Haven	3.02	6.1	3.40	6.0	4.05	6.3	4.38	6.2
Newquay	2.01	6.1	2.38	6.0	3.02	6.3	3.34	6.3
Oban	3.02	3.3	3.44	3.2	3.57	3.5	4.34	3.3
Penzance	1.37	4.9	2.23	4.7	2.44	5.1	3.21	5.1
Portland	3.18	1.8	4.18	1.8	4.29	1.7	5.19	17
Portsmouth	8.25	4.0	9.04	4.4	9.25	4.2	9.56	4.5
Shoreham	8.14	5.2	8.50	5.7	9.16	5.4	9.45	5.8
Southampton	8.01	4.0	8.38	4.3	9.01	4.1	9.28	4.4
Swansea	3.12	8.1	3.51	8.1	4.17	8.4	4.50	8.6
Tees	12.44	4.6	12.58	4.7	1.46	4.7	2.0	4.9
Walton-on-Naze	8.49	3.6	9.08	3.7	9.54	3.9	10.10	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	–	–	12	54	Cloudy	Guernsey	12.8	.04	19	66	Sunny
Bridlington	–	–	12	54	Cloudy	Scilly Isles	13.8	–	18	64	Sunny
Cromer	–	–	10	50	Dull	Newquay	11.8	–	21	70	Sunny
Lowestoft	–	–	11	52	Dull	Ilfracombe	12.5	–	18	64	Sunny
Clacton	4.0	–	14	57	Sunny	Tenby	12.2	–	22	73	Sunny
Margate	2.3	–	15	59	Dull	Southport	14.4	–	21	70	Sunny
Folkestone	9.8	–	19	66	Sunny	Morecambe	14.9	–	21	70	Sunny
Hastings	11.6	–	18	64	Sunny	Douglas	15.4	–	22	72	Sunny
Eastbourne	12.1	–	18	64	Sunny	London (Ctrl)	9.1	–	21	70	Sunny
Brighton	11.9	–	18	64	Sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	12.6	–	22	72	Sunny
Worthing	11.2	–	20	68	Sunny	Bristol (Ctrl)	13.4	–	24	75	Sunny
Littlehampton	13.3	–	22	72	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctrl)	12.7	–	21	70	Sunny
Bognor R	11.7	–	17	63	Sunny	Anglesey	1.7	–	21	70	Sunny
Southsea	13.2	–	24	75	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	15.4	–	18	64	Sunny
Shanklin	12.9	–	22	72	Sunny	Manchester	13.2	–	24	75	Sunny
Bournemouth	13.8	–	24	75	Sunny	Nottingham	13.2	–	17	63	Sunny
Poole	13.1	–	24	75	Sunny	N'ctl-n-Tyne	2.1	–	13	55	Drizzle am
Swanage	13.1	–	24	75	Sunny	Carlisle	15.4	–	22	72	Sunny
Stornoway	3.6	–	11	52	Sunny pm	Eskdalemuir	15.7	–	21	70	Sunny
Lerwick	7.5	–	12	54	Sunny pm	Prestwick	16.2	–	21	70	Sunny
Wick	3.3	–	13	55	Cloudy	Glasgow	13.8	–	25	77	Sunny
Edinburgh	14.7	–	17	63	Sunny	Tiree	15.1	–	15	59	Sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio*	f	18	64	Copenhgn*	f	19	66	Majorca	f	21	70	Rio de Jan*	s	29	84
Akrotiri*	s	29	84	Corfu*	s	31	88	Malaga	s	20	68	Rome	f	19	66
Alexandria*	f	28	82	Dallas				Malta*	s	27	81	Salzburg*	f	17	63
Algiers*	c	22	72	Dublin	s	18	64	Melbourne*	s	20	68	Sao Paulo*	c	25	77
Amsterdam	c	12	54	Dubrovnik				Mexico C*	f	23	73	S Francisco	s	18	64
Athens	s	28	82	Faro*	f	20	68	Miami*	s	30	86	Santiago*			
Bahrain				Florence	c	13	64	Milan*	f	18	64	Seoul*	s	24	75
Barbados*	s	30	86	Frankfurt*	s	14	57	Montreal*	f	25	77	Singapore*	th	28	82
Barcelona	s	19	66	Funchal*	f	19	66	Moscow*	s	24	75	Stockholm	f	18	64
Beirut				Geneva	c	14	57	Munich	f	15	59	Strasbourg*	f	13	55
Belgrade	f	16	61	Gibraltar	s	23	73	Nairobi				Sydney	s	20	68
Berlin	r	13	55	Helsinki*	s	20	68	Naples	f	20	68	Tangier*	s	18	64
Bermuda*	s	26	79	Hongkong*	f	31	88	New Delhi*	s	40	104	Tel Aviv*	s	29	84
Biarritz	c	16	61	Innsbruck	c	16	61	New York*	f	32	90	Tenerife*	dr	21	70
Boulogne*	r	12	54	Istanbul*	s	27	81	Nice	s	13	55	Tokyo*	f	25	77
Bordeaux	c	17	63	Jeddah*	s	35	95	Oslo	s	19	66	Toronto*	c	29	84
Brussels	c	11	52	Jo'burg*	s	20	68	Ottawa*				Tunis*	f	24	75
Budapest*	c	14	57	Karachi*	s	32	90	Paris	c	13	55	Valencia*	f	23	73
Buen Aires*	c	10	50	Las Palmas*	c	21	70	Peking				Vancouver*	c	13	55
Cairo*	s	34	93	Lisbon	f	19	66	Perth*	s	13	55	Venice	s	18	64
Cape Tn*	s	23	73	Locarno*	f	18	64	Prague*	f	15	59	Vienna	f	17	63
C'blanca*	s	19	55	L Angeles*				Reykjavik*	s	18	64	Warsaw*	f	17	63
Chicago				Luxembg	c	16	61	Rhodes*	s	29	84	Washington*	f	34	93
Cologne	c	16	61	Madrid	f	20	68	Riyadh*	s	40	104	Zurich*	f	16	61

*denotes Thursday's figures as latest available

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Carrigans 25C (77F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Guernsey 0.04in; highest sunshine: Prestwick 16.2 hr

